

## Text-Dependent Questions

*Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.*

1. PART A: Which of the following statements expresses a central idea of the text?
  - A. School boards should not have the power to ban books from classrooms.
  - B. It is immoral to claim that controversial books may poison students' minds.
  - C. Burning books goes against the freedoms that Americans hold dear.
  - D. Like all good citizens, Kurt Vonnegut has not lied or produced evil work.
  
2. PART B: Which of the following quotes best supports the answer to Part A?
  - A. "I am a combat infantry veteran from World War II, and hold a Purple Heart... I am so much trusted with young people and by young people that I have served on the faculties of the University of Iowa, Harvard, and the City College of New York." (Paragraph 5)
  - B. "And we all know, too, that those words really don't damage children much. They didn't damage us when we were young. It was evil deeds and lying that hurt us." (Paragraph 6)
  - C. "books are sacred to free men for very good reasons, and that wars have been fought against nations which hate books and burn them. If you are an American, you must allow all ideas to circulate freely" (Paragraph 8)
  - D. "If you and your board are now determined to show... maturity when you exercise your powers over the education of your young, then you should acknowledge that it was a rotten lesson you taught young people" (Paragraph 9)
  
3. PART A: What does the word "exploit" most closely mean as it is used in paragraph 4?
  - A. to produce
  - B. to abuse
  - C. to benefit from
  - D. to criticize or disagree with
  
4. PART B: Which phrase from paragraph 4 best supports the answer to Part A?
  - A. "the disgusting news from Drake"
  - B. "crowing about all the books we will sell because of the news"
  - C. "to damage my reputation in the eyes of their children and then in the eyes of the world"
  - D. "the courage and ordinary decency"
  
5. Which statement best describes how the author uses rhetoric in paragraphs 4-5 to advance his argument?
  - A. The author presents the contributions he has made to the country in order to prove that he is a real American.
  - B. The author describes his background in order to explain why coarse language is simply part of how he speaks.
  - C. The author portrays himself as a father and a veteran as further proof of his desire to shield the nation's youth from harmful books.
  - D. The author explains that he is a man of integrity in order to show why the school's reactions were excessive and wrong.

6. How does the author expand his argument in paragraphs 7-8?

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