Questions 31 - 40

While the bald eagle is one national symbol of the United States, it is not the only one. Uncle Sam, a bearded gentleman **costumed** in red, white, and blue stars and stripes of the national’s flag, is another well-known national symbol. According to legend, this character is based on Samuel Wilson, the owner of a meat-packing business in Troy, New York. During the war of 1812, Sam Wilson’s company was **granted** a government contract to supply meat to the nation’s soldiers; this meat was supplied to the army in barrels stamped with the **initials** U.S., which stood for the United States . However, the country was at that time relatively young, and the initials U.S. were not commonly used. Many people questioned what the initials represented, and the standard reply became “Uncle Sam,” for the owner of the barrels. It is now generally accepted that the figure of uncle Sam is based on Samuel Wilson, and the U.S. Congress has made it **official** by adopting a resolution naming Samuel Wilson as the inspiration for Uncle Sam

1. The paragraph preceding this passage most probably discusses
	1. The War of 1812
	2. The bald eagle, which symbolizes the United States
	3. Sam Wilson’s meat-packing company
	4. The costume worn by Uncle Sam
	5. The past United States’ symbol
2. Which of the following is the most appropriate title for this passage?
	1. The Bald Eagle
	2. The symbols of the United States
	3. Samuel Wilson
	4. Uncle Sam – Symbol of the Nation
	5. United States and its symbol
3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about Uncle Sam’s appearance?
	1. He wears facial hair
	2. There is some blue in his clothing
	3. He is bald
	4. His clothes have stripes in them
	5. There is red, white and blue stars in his clothing
4. The word “costumed” in line 2 could most easily be replaced by
	1. Dressed
	2. Nationalized
	3. Hidden e. appeared
	4. Seen
5. Sam Wilson was the proprietor of what type of business?
	1. A costume company
	2. A meat-packing company
	3. A military clothier
	4. A barrel-making company
	5. An initial company
6. The word “granted” in line 5 means
	1. Refused
	2. Underbid for
	3. Told about e. asked
	4. Given
7. According to the passage, what was in the barrels stamped U.S.?
	1. Sam Wilson
	2. Food for the army
	3. Weapons to be used in the war
	4. Company contract
	5. The symbol of United States
8. The word “initial” in line 6 means
	1. Nicknames
	2. Family names
	3. First letters of words
	4. Company names
	5. A name granted by the government
9. The word “official” in line 10 is closest in meaning to
	1. Authorized
	2. Professional
	3. Dutiful
	4. Accidental
	5. Popular
10. In 1812, people most probably answered that the letters “U.S.” written on the barrels stood for “Uncle Sam” because
	1. Congress required it
	2. Samuel Wilson was their favorite uncle
	3. Sam Wilson preferred it
	4. They were not exactly sure what the letters meant
	5. Americans gave an appreciation for his donation

**Structure**

1. Uncle Sam, a bearded gentleman costumed in red, white, and blue stars and stripes of the national’s flag, .............. another well-known national symbol for almost 119 years or more.
2. is c. has been d. have been
3. became d. have become
4. While........ one national symbol of the United States, the bald eagle is not the only one
5. be c. been e. was
6. being d. is
7. The word *only* in construction *the only one* is an/a ...
8. Adverb c. Noun e. Determiner
9. Adjective d. Preposition
10. ..., the owner of a meat-packing business in Troy.
11. A business is meat that was packed
12. A business is meat which is packing
13. A business is a packing business for meat
14. A business is meat that was packing
15. A business is meat packing
16. ......... a government contract, Sam Wilson’s company supplied meat to the nation’s soldiers.
17. was granted c. was granting e. were granted
18. granted d. granting
19. Choose the correct passive sentence.
20. During the War of 1812, Sam Wilson’s company granted a government contract to supply meat to the nation’s soldiers.
21. During the War of 1812, The US Government granted Sam Wilson’s company a government contract to supply meat to the nation’s soldiers.
22. During the War of 1812, The US Government granted a government contract to supply meat to the nation’s soldiers by Sam Wilson’s company.
23. During the War of 1812, The US Government granted a government contract to supply meat to the nation’s soldiers Sam Wilson’s company.
24. During the War of 1812, Sam Wilson’s company granted a government contract to supply meat to the nation’s soldiers by The US Government.
25. ...; this meat was supplied to the army in barrels stamped with the initials U.S., which stood for the United States.

The word *stamped* is a/an ...

1. Verb c. Adjective e. Adverb
2. Noun d. Preposition
3. However, the country was at that time relatively young, and .......... the initials U.S.
4. were not commonly used
5. did not commonly use
6. did not commonly uses
7. not commonly used
8. were not commonly using
9. Many people questioned what the initials represented, and the standard reply became “Uncle Sam,” for the owner of the barrels.

The word *reply* is a/an ...

1. Verb c. Adjective c. Adverb
2. Noun d. Pronoun
3. After generally ............. as the figure of uncle Sam, Samuel Wilson was made official as the inspiration for Uncle Sam by the U.S. Congress.
4. is accepted c. was accepted e. accepted
5. is accepting d. accepting

**Complete each sentence with words related to the underlined words.**

1. Every person has his or her own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in relation to money. A person’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ opinions and values form the basis of his or her habits.
2. Bargain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_s are always hunting for discounts and low prices. For some addictive personalities, shopping for bargains is a kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Specialty shops often sell \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ items from different countries of the world. Shopping in these pleasant stores can be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. A “money-back guarantee” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_s.** People who buy merchandise from mail-order houses should have this protection; if they send products back before they consume them, the company will return their money.
5. Through computerized methods of shopping, you can order items in an instant. For \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you can touch a video screen that sends information to a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Advertising is a kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that has a strong \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on consumers; it should not only influence people to buy products, but also inform them.