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Reading Comprehension: Test -taking version. Check the tasks as you complete them.

Read the questions first _____

Read the passage and highlight the keywords _____

Read the questions and cross off the answers that are wrong. _____

Choose the right answer, and then put the number of the question in the reading passage where you found your answer. _____

There goes the alarm again. I guess I should get up, but I am dreading this day. I always hate going back to school after a holiday break. I am not sure why. I am anxious to see my friends, I don't have any overdue school assignments, but I still get that funny feeling in the pit of my stomach. Has something changed? Do all my friends still feel the same way? What clothes should I wear today? Everyone will wear something new, I am sure of that.

My biggest conflict is in my head. Part of me says, "Be your own person!." Another part of me just wants to fit into the crowd. My mom says that high school is like this, but college will be the opposite. That I will meet many people with different interests, and find groups that I want to be with. I am looking forward to that freedom, but I have one more year of high school and this is my reality right now.

As much as my friends and I like to think we are above all the peer pressures and social "rules" of our school, we all know we are very much controlled by it. We wear our hair the same way, wear the same brand clothes, and even have to use the same perfume. We basically clone ourselves because we don't want to be different. Yet, deep down we would like to shout, "Look a me! This is who I am!"

Sigh, there goes the alarm again. What should I wear today? I think I will call Clara and see what she is wearing.

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Answer the following questions.

1. How does the author describe how her body is reacting to her uneasiness about returning to school?
 - a. She has a horrible headache.
 - b. Her eyes are burning.
 - c. She has a funny feeling in the pit of her stomach.
 - d. She has an awful earache.

2. Which of the following IS true?
 - a. The author is dreading studying for finals.
 - b. The author is anxious to see her friends.
 - c. The author feels college and high school will be the same.
 - d. None of these

3. Which of the following did the author state would be for sure when she returns to school?
 - a. She will meet new and interesting people in high school.
 - b. Everyone feels strange now.
 - c. Everyone will be wearing something new.
 - d. She wants to make sure she is different from everyone else.

4. Which of the following is NOT true?
 - a. Most high school students want to be exactly like their peers.
 - b. High school students have more freedom than college students do.
 - c. The author has one more year of high school.
 - d. Most high school students are controlled by peer pressure.

5. The author of this passage believes her greatest conflict is in her _____.
 - a. closet
 - b. friends
 - c. school
 - d. head

6. The author feels that to be accepted by her peers she must _____.
 - a. take a holiday break in Bermuda.
 - b. be a clone of her classmates.
 - c. make exceptional grades.
 - d. none of these

7. Even though the author decides to call Clara to find out what she is wearing, she still desires to
 - a. take an early admission to college
 - b. be her own person
 - c. make exceptional grades
 - d. none of these

8. What would a good title for this story be?
