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Reading Comprehension: Job of the Future

Directions: Read the story “Ready to Assist” (page 8). Then answer the questions below.

1. What is a physician assistant? Use your own words to define this career.

2. What is one advantage of being a physician assistant, as opposed to a medical doctor, that is mentioned in the article?

- A. higher pay
- B. a more flexible work schedule
- C. opportunity to travel

3. About how long is the post-collegiate training for physician assistants?

- A. one year
- B. two years
- C. four years

4. Which of the following statements is a fact?

- A. Physician assistants like working in emergency rooms.
- B. Physician assistants do not prescribe medicine to patients..
- C. Physician assistants work under the supervision of a medical doctor.

5. Do you think that good communication skills are important for a physician assistant to have? Why or why not? Explain your answer.
