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## Reading Comprehension: Career Spotlight

**Directions:** Read the story “Dig, Hoist, Push, Pull” (page 12). Then answer the questions below.

1. Aaron has a real *aptitude* for operating heavy machinery. Aptitude means
  - A. ability
  - B. understanding
  - C. willingness
  
2. What is one downside noted in the article to being a heavy equipment operator?
  - A. late-night hours are common
  - B. the hourly pay can be low
  - C. the work can be seasonal
  
3. One example of new technology used in heavy equipment operation is
  - A. Twittering
  - B. use of Global Positioning System units
  - C. employment of of solar-powered concrete mixing
  
4. Heavy-equipment career training is not likely to include
  - A. equipment maintenance
  - B. bookkeeping
  - C. safety information
  
5. Which of the following statements is an opinion?
  - A. Reading comprehension skills are important for a career as a heavy-equipment operator.
  - B. Heavy-equipment operators will be retiring over the next decade, opening up positions for new workers.
  - C. Operating an excavator is hard work.
  
6. You can get into this career via
  - A. apprenticeships
  - B. the military
  - C. technical schools
  - D. all of these