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Reading Comprehension: Career Spotlight

Directions: Read the story “Blaze a Path into Firefighting” (page 14). Then answer the questions below.

1. Out of the 1.1 million firefighters in the United States, how many are full-time career firefighters?
 - A. Fewer than 30 percent
 - B. Half
 - C. Just over 70 percent

2. Standard firefighter training includes
 - A. how to ventilate a smoke-filled building
 - B. how to perform an underwater rescue
 - C. how to handle hazardous materials

3. Fire marshals are responsible for
 - A. driving fire trucks to the scene of a fire
 - B. training new firefighter recruits
 - C. conducting safety inspections and arson investigations

4. What is an example of a firefighter’s agility?
 - A. Using a pike pole to pull down a burning wall.
 - B. Fixing a broken headlight on a fire truck.
 - C. Communicating instructions to fellow firefighters during a drill.

5. Which of the following statements is an opinion?
 - A. Firefighters continue to train throughout their careers.
 - B. Firefighting is a calling.
 - C. Firefighters may also attend to medical emergencies.

6. Why does the author say that firefighting takes “a special kind of commitment”?
