

## HESI PRACTICE READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the best title for the passage?
  - a. Dangers Facing Children
  - b. What Children Are Afraid Of
  - c. All Fears Are Normal
  - d. Children & Embarrassment
  
2. What is the main idea of the passage?
  - a. Children all over the world feel the same.
  - b. Adults worry too much about children.
  - c. Children fear losing a parent most of all.
  - d. Childhood fears of loss, embarrassment and school are [always] normal.
  
3. Which is not a detail listed in the passage?
  - a. Austria was one of the countries used in the research study.
  - b. Students were asked to rank a list of twenty events in order of how upsetting they would be.
  - c. Most children have anxiety about school.
  - d. Boys and girls rated anxiety-related events the same.
  
4. Which cannot be inferred?
  - a. Adults are important in a child's perception of her world.
  - b. Some children have anxiety about nuclear war.
  - c. Children are busy with their own lives; they do not mind welcoming a new baby into the family.
  - d. Hiding fears is healthier than talking about them.
  
5. What is the meaning of the word *global* in the first paragraph?
  - a. Local
  - b. Micro
  - c. Comprehensive
  - d. International
  
6. What is the author's tone?
  - a. Pragmatic
  - b. Cautious
  - c. Supportive
  - d. Reassuring

7. What is the author's purpose?
- To inform
  - To entertain
  - To argue
  - To persuade
  - To analyze
8. Which word is spelled incorrectly?
- Flourish
  - Embarass
  - Achieve
  - Catastrophe
9. Which is a detail from the passage?
- Highest on children's list of anxieties is fear of nuclear war.
  - Kindergarten children exclusively ranked fear of losing a parent the highest.
  - It is a universal trait that children do not embrace having a new baby brother or sister.
  - According to research of children in six countries, children from different cultures are similar when it comes to fears.
10. One of the best things society can do to help children is to rid them of their fears of gun violence.
- According to the passage:
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| The above statement is a fact.       | True | False |
| The above statement is an opinion.   | True | False |
| The above statement is an inference. | True | False |
11. What is a conclusion suggested by the passage?
- Adults have become increasingly concerned about the dangers facing their own children.
  - Most childhood fears are normal and overcoming them can only help children.
  - Children in grades three through nine face the most danger.
  - Anxiety is high in Egypt and Canada.
12. What is not a meaning of the word *flourish* in the third paragraph?
- Mushroom
  - Thrive
  - Decline
  - Burgeoning

13. Which is the best summary of the passage?

- a. Children are afraid of drugs, homelessness, AIDS and crime. The best way to help them is through a healthy school environment and talking about their fears.
- b. Childhood fears are normal. A global study shows that most children fear losing a parent, embarrassment in general, and the insecurities associated with school. Overcoming fears help children grow, achieve identity, and master their world.
- c. Children today face so much pressure. Violence and divorce are the biggest fears of their busy lives. However, children are resilient. In a matter of time, their fears will disappear.