

## Reading Comprehension Test, Exercise and Strategies

One of the challenging exams given from many kinds of tests is Reading Comprehension because it is very time consuming. It involves reading lots of paragraphs, articles, passages, and sections. Do not worry because this reviewer is made to help you pass the exam in one take. Reading Comprehension will be easy if you follow our helpful tips and strategies here. We always provide sample test questions and exercises for this site reviewer.

How to pass the reading comprehension exam? The following tips, strategies and exercises are the best reviewer. It will help you practice in finding the right answers in this type of quiz. It really measures how you can comprehend and grasp the topic in a passage.

### Tips in getting the right answers for R and C Exam

**Stay calm and don't panic.** As you open the booklet, you'll definitely see long passages and paragraphs. Do not stress yourself into thinking "wow should I really have to read all of this?" because you really should darling. Unless you don't want to pass the test and just waste your chance.

**Read with your eyes not with your mouth.** Avoid lips movement and whispering because reading with your lips is time consuming besides it will distract everyone. Reading with your eyes is also reading with your mind, it will help you understand what you are reading better.

**Do not read word for word.** Instead, read a group of words or sections at a time for they will help you get the main topic of the paragraph. It will also help you save time and finish the test on time.

**Do not read the answers first** before the questions and the paragraph, it will only confuse you.

Read fast and understand what you're reading to get the main idea of the whole passage. Questions are always related to the main idea. **What is the main idea?** It is simply the main topic and the center of what is being talked about in the article.

Concentrate on the parts of the paragraph where the possible answer can be found.

**Take note** of the following:

- **Main idea** – is simply what the story is mainly about

- **Climax** – is the peak point or highlight of the story
- **Plot** – is the pattern of events of the story
- **Conflict** – is the tension and struggle part of the story
- **Setting** – is where and when the story takes place
- **Best or alternative title** – is usually being asked too so you must choose the best one that talks about the main idea.

## Reading Comprehension Test Sample Questions and Answers

Instruction: Read each paragraph or passage below and select the best answer for what is being asked.

1. Boracay, the most famous beach in the Philippines, is also known as a blessed island. I have never met anyone who has not been enthralled and fascinated when they visited Boracay. The first time you set foot on its powder-like sand, you'll surely feel lucky to be on a paradise island. The moment you see its crystal pristine water, you'll be so thankful you're alive. Many locals and foreigners go there again and again not only because of the breathtaking view but also because to celebrate life and its blessings. The best title for the above article is:

1. Famous Beach in the Philippines
2. The Beach of Boracay
3. Boracay, a Blessed Island
4. Why People Go to Boracay

2. Malaysia Airline Flight MH370's disappearance is still under investigation. Many countries joined in the search for what really happened and where the aircraft is now. The flight lost contact with air traffic controllers about an hour after its take off. The weather was fine when the aircraft was flying so it adds more theories about other possible reasons for the aircraft's fate. The oil slick spotted off Vietnam's coast turned out to be fuel oil used in cargo ships so it has nothing to do with the aircraft. Interpol also says the disappearance of the jet plane has nothing to do with the terrorist attack. More questions are added to this quest and no specific answer is given and proven yet. The above selection supports the idea:

1. That Flight MH370 is somewhere under the sea
2. That Flight MH370's disappearance is still a mystery

3. That Flight MH370 must have crashed after loss contact
4. That Flight MH370 is in Bermuda Triangle

3. Flappy Bird, a mobile game created in 2013 by Dong Nguyen from Vietnam became a hit at the start of 2014. At the end of January 2014, it was the most downloaded game in the iOS App Store. The game is extremely addictive and difficult so users strive harder to score higher. Due to its intense popularity, the creator decided to remove it from the App Store. Because of its millions of downloads, Nguyen claimed he was making \$50,000 per day from it. The demand for Flappy Bird made some gadget owners sell their devices with Flappy Bird installed for twice or thrice their original price.

What is the best title for the above article?

1. Most Downloaded Game
2. The Demand of Flappy Bird Game
3. Flappy Bird App
4. The Rise of Game Apps

4. According to NASA, effects that scientists had predicted in the past would result from global climate change are now occurring like loss of sea ice, accelerated sea level rise and longer, more intense heat waves. Even our Earth's average temperature has increased about 1 degree in Fahrenheit in the 20th century. Many experts and scientists believe that global temperature will continue to rise from 2.5 to degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

Which of the following conclusions best summarizes the selection above?

1. Climate change will continue to get worse until humanity takes serious actions to stop it.
2. Global climate change is happening on earth now.
3. The effects of climate change are getting extremely dangerous.
4. Global climate change and its effects are occurring and are likely to increase over time.

5. Mark Zuckerberg, Co-Founder and CEO of Facebook spoke with President Barack Obama to discuss internet privacy impositions by the U.S. government. Zuckerberg said, "The Internet works because most people and companies do the same. We work together to create this secure environment and make our shared space even better for the world.

This is why I've been so confused and frustrated by the repeated reports of the behavior of the U.S. government. When our engineers work tirelessly to improve security, we imagine we're protecting you against criminals, not our own government.

The U.S. government should be the champion for the Internet, not a threat. It needs to be much more transparent about what it's doing, or people will believe the worst.

I've called President Obama to express my frustration over the damage the government is creating for all of our future. Unfortunately, it seems like it will take a very long time for true full reform.

So, it's up to us — all of us — to build the Internet we want. Together, we can build a space that is greater and a more important part of the world than anything we have today, but are also safe and secure. I'm committed to seeing this happen, and you can count on Facebook to do our part.”

Why is Internet Privacy very important to all of us?

1. Because it is not safe to trust anyone with our online accounts.
2. Because nobody really owns the internet. It is a free space.
3. Because it protects and secures not only our online accounts but also our online activities.
4. Because the government's protection is not enough.

6. Search Engine Optimization a.k.a. SEO is vital for a website to stay successful for a long time. The world of the internet continues to evolve so website owners must stay in the game by making updates while practicing effective SEO. Great content and correct SEO are the blood of a website because without them, a site could die.

The paragraph is mainly about what?

1. The importance of Search Engine Optimization
2. The life of a successful website
3. The secrets of making a website successful
4. How to apply Search Engine Optimization

7. There are around 2 million Filipinos without jobs today. That includes graduates and undergraduates. According to a survey, there will be another half-million to graduate this year without possible job placements. Unemployed people complain about job shortage. Many go to the cities to apply to some companies but end up going home with nothing. Unemployment rate increases each year even though there are many job fairs.

The paragraph states that...

1. Unemployment in the Philippines is common
2. Unemployment rate in the Philippines is seriously increasing
3. Unemployment in the Philippines must be solved
4. Unemployment solutions for Filipinos

8. “In the Olympic Peninsula of northwest Washington State, a small town named Forks exists under a near-constant cover of clouds. It rains on this inconsequential town

more than any other place in the United States of America. It was from this town and its gloomy, omnipresent shade that my mother escaped with me when I was only a few months old. It was in this town that I'd been compelled to spend a month every summer until I was fourteen.

That was the year I finally put my foot down; these past three summers, my dad, Charlie, vacationed with me in California for two weeks instead.

It was to Forks that I now exiled myself – an action that I took with great horror. I detested Forks. I loved Phoenix. I loved the sun and the blistering heat. I loved the vigorous, sprawling city.”

-Stephenie Meyer, “The Twilight Saga” Provide the specific setting of the story

1. Phoenix
2. Rainy day
3. Forks, Washington
4. Twilight

9. “It’s twenty-five after six and the sky still has some shades of purple and orange...oh well just like me, I am standing here, in this secretive rooftop, overjoyed...yet there are still some fragments of fear and haze... I wonder if the sky is glad and excited about the night or if it is crying over the bright day that passed.”

– Fehi Dungo – “Higher than the Rooftop” What is the mood of the story?

1. Happiness
2. Sorrow
3. Confusion
4. Grief

10. Investing has been a hot topic for quite a while. Many people, especially employees and entrepreneurs, don't rely on time deposits and regular savings accounts to save and earn interest. The most common investments in the Philippines are through real estates, mutual funds and trust funds. Although few people also join trading in the stock market, more and more Filipinos are not reluctant to invest their money and diversify them to different money-making wheels.

What does the article try to convey?

1. Filipinos are now willing to open different investments.
2. Filipinos are wise in saving their money.
3. Filipinos rely mainly on savings and deposit accounts.

4. Filipinos invest in real estates, mutual funds and trust funds.

**Reading Comprehension Answers:**

1. Boracay, a Blessed Island
2. That Flight MH370's disappearance is still a mystery
3. The Demand of Flappy Bird Game
4. Global Climate change and its effects are occurring and are likely to increase over time.
5. Because it protects and secures not only our online accounts but also our online activities.
6. The importance of Search Engine Optimization
7. Unemployment rate in the Philippines is seriously increasing
8. Forks, Washington
9. Confusion
10. Filipinos are now willing to open different investments.