

Questions 1-10

Line (5) Niagara Falls, one of the most famous North American natural wonders, has long been a popular tourist destination. Tourists today flock to see the two falls that actually constitute Niagara Falls; the 173-foot-high Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side of the Niagara River in the Canadian province of Ontario and the 182-foot-high American Falls on the U.S. side of the river in the state of New York. Approximately 85 percent of the water that goes over the falls actually goes over Horseshoe Falls, with the rest going over American Falls.

(10) Most visitors come between April and October, and it is quite a popular activity to take a steamer out onto the river and right up to the base of the falls for a close-up view. It is also possible to get a spectacular view of the falls from the strategic locations along the Niagara River, such as Prospect Point or Table Rock, or from one of the four observation towers which have heights up to 500 feet.

(15) Tourists have been visiting Niagara Falls in large numbers since the 1800s; annual visitation now averages above 10 million visitors per year. Because of concern that all these tourists would inadvertently destroy the natural beauty of this scenic wonder, the state of New York in 1885 created Niagara Falls Park in order to protect the land surrounding American Falls. A year later Canada created Queen Victoria Park on the Canadian side of the Niagara, around Horseshoe Falls. With the area surrounding the falls under the jurisdiction of government agencies, appropriate steps could be taken to preserve the pristine beauty of the area.

1. What is the major point that the author is making in this passage?

- (A) Niagara Falls can be viewed from either the American side or the Canadian side.
- (B) A trip to the United States isn't complete without a visit to Niagara Falls.
- (C) Niagara Falls has had an interesting history.
- (D) It has been necessary to protect Niagara Falls from the many tourists who go there.

2. The word "flock" in line 2 could best be replaced by

- (A) come by plane
- (B) come in large numbers
- (C) come out of boredom
- (D) come without knowing what they will see

3. According to the passage, which of the following best describes Niagara Falls?

- (A) Niagara Falls consists of two rivers, one Canadian and the other American.
- (B) American Falls is considerably higher than Horseshoe Falls.
- (C) The Niagara River has two falls, one in Canada and one in the United States.
- (D) Although the Niagara River flows through the United States and Canada, the falls are only in the United States.

4. A "steamer" in line 8 is probably

- (A) a bus
- (B) a boat
- (C) a walkway
- (D) a park

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5. The expression "right up" in line 8 could best be replaced by

- (A) turn to the right
- (B) follow correct procedures
- (C) travel upstream
- (D) all the way up

6. The passage implies that tourists prefer to

- (A) visit Niagara Falls during warmer weather
- (B) see the falls from a great distance
- (C) take a ride over the falls
- (D) come to Niagara Falls for a winter vacation

7. According to the passage, why was Niagara Park created?

- (A) To encourage tourists to visit Niagara Falls
- (B) To show off the natural beauty of Niagara Falls
- (C) To protect the area around Niagara Falls
- (D) To force Canada to open Queen Victoria Park

8. The word "jurisdiction" in line 17 is closest in meaning to

- (A) view
- (B) assistance
- (C) taxation
- (D) control

9. The word "pristine" in line 18 is closest in meaning to

- (A) pure and natural
- (B) highly developed
- (C) well-regulated
- (D) overused

10. The paragraph following the passage most probably discusses

- (A) additional ways to observe the falls
- (B) steps taken by government agencies to protect the falls
- (C) a detailed description of the division of the falls between the United States and Canada
- (D) further problems that are destroying the area around the falls

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