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1. What percentage of all car accidents each year is caused by talking on the phone while driving?

- A 20%
- B 12%
- C 21%
- D 14%

2. What of the following is the strongest of evidence the author uses to persuade the reader not to text while driving?

- A 1.2 million crashes a year involve talking on a phone, including hands-free calls, while driving.
- B In 2009, Americans sent more than 1.56 trillion text messages, according to wireless industry statistics.
- C Many Americans text while driving because they are afraid they will miss out on something.
- D The National Safety Council (NSC) estimates that texting plays some part in at least 100,000 crashes per year.

3. The author would most likely describe a person who texts and drives as

- A foolish but harmless
- B reckless and irresponsible
- C focused and thoughtful
- D busy and rushed

4. Read the following sentences and answer the question below: "The fight continued by text messaging as she drove away. 'We were feuding through text,' she recalls."

In this sentence, what does the word **feuding** mean?

- A discussing
- B arguing
- C writing
- D chatting

5. The main idea of this passage is that

- A texting and talking on the phone will undoubtedly cause death
- B driving while distracted is inevitable
- C texting and talking on the phone is dangerous and should be outlawed
- D scientific tests are a useful way of measuring distractibility while driving

6. How does the author support the claim that texting while driving slows down a driver's reaction time?

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7. What would the author likely say to someone whom she saw texting while driving?

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8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word that best completes the sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lindsey Harden survived her car crash she realized how reckless texting while driving is and would never do it again.

- A Although
- B However
- C Before
- D Meanwhile

9. Answer the following questions based on the sentence below.

Drivers are distracted when they text so their reaction time is slow and they create danger on the roads.

Who? \_\_\_\_\_

What? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? are distracted and their reaction time is slow

10. Read the vocabulary word and definition below and complete questions 10a, 10b, and 11.

**Vocabulary Word:** banned (banned): forbidden, prohibited or restricted.

10a. Read the sentences below and underline the word **banned**.

1. Jacob's mom **banned** him and his sister from watching television before their homework was finished.
2. Drinking alcohol under the age of 21 is legally **banned** in all 50 United States.
3. Some books are **banned** from schools because they may contain offensive or inappropriate topics.
4. Ms. Smith **banned** students from chewing gum in her class after she found 25 pieces of gum under one desk alone!
5. After Max borrowed his dad's brand new convertible car without asking, his parents **banned** him from driving until he was 18 years old.

10b. Which photo below most likely represents being banned?



11. Why do you think 39 states have banned texting while driving?

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