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## **Thinking First**

Police officer Rachel Blair works in Queens, New York. A reporter is asking Rachel about how she does her job.

Reporter: How long have you been a police officer?

Blair: Six years.

Reporter: How did you get started?



**Blair:** First, I had to take a lot of tests. Then, I went to the Police Academy for 12 weeks. I learned how to drive a police car, make an arrest, and file a police report. I also had to exercise every day!

Reporter: How do you stay safe on the job?

**Blair:** I use my training. That helps me make sure a situation does not get out of control. I am always cautious. If I think a situation is too dangerous, I call for backup. If I run into a dangerous situation without thinking first, I can get hurt.

Reporter: Are there any new tools that police officers use?

**Blair:** We use special glasses that help us see better in the dark. When I wear the glasses, I can see moving objects like cars and other people at night.

Reporter: Have you ever saved someone's life?

**Blair:** No, I haven't. But my partner has. He says it gave him a pretty special feeling.

Reporter: Do you ever get afraid?

**Blair:** There is no time to be afraid. I have to think about what I have to do to take care of the situation quickly and safely.

Reporter: What do you like best about being a police officer?

Blair: Helping people!



- 1) What is this passage mostly about?
  - A. what a police officer does
  - B. how a police officer is trained
  - C. what a police officer wears
  - D. how a police officer helps people
- 2) What did Rachel Blair do first to become a police officer?
  - A. She saved someone's life.
  - B. She used police equipment.
  - C. She made an arrest.
  - D. She took a lot of tests.
- 3) As used in the middle of the passage, the word cautious most nearly means
  - A. honest
  - B. quick
  - C. careful
  - D. understanding
- 4) Why does Rachel Blair say she does not get afraid?
  - A. She uses special glasses.
  - B. She enjoys her job too much.
  - C. She knows how to drive a police car.
  - D. She is too busy doing her job.
- 5) What does Rachel Blair like most about being a police officer?
  - A. exercising
  - B. filing police reports
  - C. helping people
  - D. using special equipment

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- 6) Why did the author most likely write this passage?
  - A. to teach readers how to save lives
  - B. to make readers want to be police officers
  - C. to give readers information about police officers
  - D. to show readers how to use special police equipment
- 7) Where do you think this interview with Officer Blair would be published? Who would be most interested in reading the interview? How do you know?

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