

Practice Exercise 11

Here can be seen some of the most fascinating exhibits anywhere in the world. The Wright Brothers' plane, for example, occupies one small corner of the mammoth museum, and nearby is astronaut John Glenn's *Friendship 7*. The world's largest elephant stands in lifelike splendor for all to view. A visitor may ponder and wonder over dinosaur bones, Lincoln's hat, and ship models where even the thickness of the paint is to scale. Wax figures are so realistic that one visitor wondered whether it was proper for taxidermists to stuff people. A fascinating blend of the realistic and the unusual, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., has something for everyone.

1. Which phrase best summarizes the topic?
 - a. the splendor of the world's largest elephant
 - b. dinosaur bones, Lincoln's hat, and ship models
 - c. the amazingly realistic wax figures on display in the Smithsonian Institution
 - d. the diversity of attractions at the Smithsonian Institution
2. The paragraph illustrates the idea that
 - a. museums attract children.
 - b. Washington, D.C., is a fascinating city.
 - c. the Smithsonian Institution has a varied and interesting collection.
 - d. visits to museums provide inexpensive fun.
3. The paragraph is organized as
 - a. a broad statement followed by support.
 - b. reasons leading to a conclusion.
 - c. introduction, main idea, and supporting sentences.
 - d. a list of equally important statements.
4. Underline the topic sentence.