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7 of 27 identified all four samples correctly. While both groups did better than chance would predict, nearly half the participants in each group made the wrong choice two or more times. Two people got all four samples wrong. Overall, half the participants did about as well on the last round of tasting as on the first, so fatigue, or taste burn out, was not a factor. Our preference test results suggest that only a few Pepsi participants and Coke fans may really be able to tell their favorite brand by taste and price.

1. According to the passage the preference test was conducted in order to \_\_\_\_\_. [A] find out the role taste preference plays in a persons drinking [B] reveal which cola is more to the liking of the drinkers [C] show that a persons opinion about taste is mere guess-work [D] compare the ability of the participants in choosing their drinks

2. The statistics recorded in the preference tests show \_\_\_\_\_. [A] Coca-Cola and Pepsi are peoples two most favorite drinks [B] there is not much difference in taste between Coca-Cola and Pepsi [C] few people had trouble telling Coca-Cola from Pepsi [D] peoples tastes differ from one another

3. It is implied in the first paragraph that \_\_\_\_\_. [A] the purpose of taste tests is to promote the sale of colas [B] the improvement of quality is the chief concern of the two cola companies [C] the competition between the two colas is very strong [D] blind tasting is necessary for identifying fans

4. The word "burnout" (Line 4, Para. 5) here refers to the state of \_\_\_\_\_. [A] being seriously burnt in the skin [B] being unable to burn for lack of fuel [C] being badly damaged by fire 来源 : [www.examda.com](http://www.examda.com) [D] being unable to function because of excessive use

5. The authors purpose in writing this passage is to

\_\_\_\_\_. [A] show that taste preference is highly subjective [B] argue that taste testing is an important marketing strategy [C] emphasize that taste and price are closely related to each other [D] recommend that blind tasting be introduced in the quality control of colas

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