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elements of both. It is a view or belief more or less casually arrived at, with or without examining the evidence. Is everyone entitled to his opinion? Of course, this is not only permitted, but guaranteed. We are free to act on our opinions only so long as, in doing so, we do not harm others.

1 Which of the following statements is TRUE, according to the author? A) Everyone has a right to hold his own opinion. B) Free expression of opinions often leads to confusion. C) Most people tend to be careless in forming their opinions. D) Casual use of the word "opinion" often brings about quarrels.

2. According to the author, who of the following would be labored as intolerant?

A) Someone who turns a deaf ear to others opinions. B) Someone who cant put up with others tastes. C) Someone who values only their own opinions. D) Someone whose opinion harm. other people.

3. The new Ford cars are cited as an example to show that \_\_\_\_\_.

A) it is foolish to criticize a famous brand B) one should not always agree to others opinions C) personal tastes are not something to be challenged D) it is unwise to express ones likes and dislikes in public

4. Considered judgment is different from personal preference in that \_\_\_\_\_.

A) it is stated by judges in the court B) it reflects public like and dislikes C) it is a result of a lot of controversy D) it is based on careful thought

5. As indicated in the passage, being free to act on ones opinion \_\_\_\_\_.

A) means that one can ignore other peoples criticism B) means that one can impose his pre6ereaccs on others C) doesnt mean that one has the right to do things at will D) doesnt mean that one has the right to charge others without evidence

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