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Adaptation of Living Things Certain animals and plants develop characteristics that help them cope with their environment better than others of their kind. This natural biological process is called adaptation. Among the superior characteristics developed through adaptation are those that may help in getting food or shelter, in providing protection, and in producing and protecting the young. That results in the evolution of more and more organisms that are better fitted to their environments.百考试题论坛 Each living thing is adapted to its way of life in a general way, but each is adapted especially to its own distinct class. A plant, for example, depends upon its roots to fix itself firmly and to absorb water and inorganic chemicals. It depends upon its green leaves for using the sun's energy to make food from inorganic chemicals. These are general adaptations, common to most plants. In addition, there are special adaptations that only certain kinds of plants have. Many animals have adaptations that help them escape from their enemies. Some insects are hidden by their body color or shape, and many look like a leaf or a little branch. The coats of deer are colored to mix with the surroundings. Many animals have the ability to remain completely still when an enemy is near. Organisms have a great variety of ways of adapting. They may adapt in their structure, function, and genetics. in their development and production of the young. and in other

respects. An organism may create its own environment, as do warm-blooded mammals, which have the ability to adjust body heat exactly to maintain their ideal temperature despite changing weather. Usually adaptations are an advantage, but sometimes an organism is so well adapted to a particular environment that, if conditions change, it finds it difficult or impossible to readapt to the new conditions.

1. Some plants and animals develop superior characteristics so that they may

- A. help others of their kind get food, shelter and other things needed.
- B. survive even in extremely severe conditions
- C. become better adapted to the environments than others of their kind.
- D. result in the evolution and production of more intelligent organisms.

2. In the first paragraph, the word "environments" could best be replaced by

- A. contexts
- B. surroundings
- C. neighbors
- D. enemies

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3. It can be inferred from this passage that the feathers of a bird are colored

- A. to frighten its enemies.
- B. to attract its enemies
- C. to adjust its body heat
- D. to match its environment

4. Which of the following is not directly mentioned?

- A. A living thing may adapt in its structure.
- B. An organism may adapt in its function.
- C. A living creature may adapt in its genetic makeup.
- D. A living organism may adapt in its sleeping habit.

5. The author cites the behavior of warm-blooded mammals in order to illustrate which of the following?

- A. A living thing may have the ability to create an environment of its own
- B. A living creature may have the ability to remain still when an enemy is near.
- C. A living creature may have the ability to make food from its inorganic chemicals
- D. A living creature

may have the ability to change the color of its skin. 编辑推荐：为帮助广大学员有效备考，我们特推出了职称英语2010年网络辅导课程,相信会让大家有耳目一新的视听感受。现在报名职称英语辅导，赠送2009年精品课程及考试E币。点击查看详情》相关推荐：2010年职称英语理工类完型填空练习汇总 2010年全国职称英语考试六大题型复习攻略 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com