

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow it.

Henry and Anne

Anne Boleyn is best remembered as the beheaded wife of Henry VIII and the mother of Queen Elizabeth I. Born some time between 1501 and 1507; as an adult Anne was known for her olive complexion, dark eyes and hair, and long, elegant neck.⁶ Because female beauty during the sixteenth century included pale, blond-haired, and blue-eyed, many people took note of her appearance. According to legend, she also had a small sixth finger on one hand and a large mole on her neck.

After spending several years in France, Boleyn came to the English court in 1522 and captured Henry's attention. When Anne arrived at Henry's court, he was still married to his first wife, Katherine of Aragon. Although Henry fell in love with Anne and pursued her **incessantly**, she refused to become his mistress as others had done. Katharine had failed to produce Henry a male heir, which he desperately wanted. Because of his disappointment and new love, Henry began divorce proceedings in 1527. At the time, the Catholic Church neither allowed nor recognized divorce, and Henry's actions created a major controversy that resulted in a division between the crown and the Church. Anne became pregnant in 1532, and Henry was forced to marry her quickly to legitimize the child. They were secretly married in January of 1533, although Henry's previous marriage was not annulled until late May. Anne was crowned queen on June 1, 1533.

To Henry's disappointment, Anne gave birth to Elizabeth I on September 7. The following January, Anne was pregnant again but the child, supposedly male, was miscarried. Anne began to fear for her life since she had not produced a living son and Henry began paying attention to one of Anne's ladies-in-waiting. On May 2, 1536, Anne was arrested and charged with various crimes, including plotting to kill the king. She was imprisoned in the Tower of London before a court, headed by her uncle, condemned her. On May 17, Anne was beheaded. Two days before her death, the Church of England dissolved her marriage to Henry VIII, who married again, ten days later.

Questions

- Which of the following best describes Anne's appearance as compared to the standard of beauty in sixteenth-century England?**
 - Anne captured Henry VIII's attention because she was the ideal beauty.
 - Anne was disfigured.
 - Anne looked very typical for her time period.
 - Anne stood out because she was the opposite of the standard.
- Why did Henry have difficulty divorcing his wives?**
 - The English court would not approve a divorce.
 - As king, Henry was the role model for his country, and his people did not approve of divorce.
 - The king was allied with the Catholic Church, which did not approve of divorce.
 - He married Anne before he had divorced Katharine.
- What is the purpose of the second paragraph?**
 - It explains how Anne became queen after Katharine.
 - It explains how Henry's divorce impacted Catholicism.
 - It describes the relationships Anne had with the people of the kingdom.
 - It describes how desperate Henry was to have a male heir.
- As used in the passage, the word *incessantly* most nearly means**
 - Periodically
 - Constantly
 - Jealously
 - Carefully
- What can be inferred from the final paragraph?**
 - Anne was incapable of producing healthy children.
 - Anne's lady-in-waiting helped plot Anne's coronation.
 - Anne had a good relationship with her uncle.
 - Henry probably made up the accusations against Anne.
- How should this sentence read?**
 - No Change
 - The semi-colon should be a colon
 - The semi-colon should be a comma
 - The semi-colon should be a period

Answers:

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. D
6. C
7. Answers will vary