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Author's Viewpoint

Read the passage. Then read each question and fill in the circle next to the best answer.

First Flight

There is no thrill like your first airplane ride. I had my first taste of flying last summer when my grandmother, Gigi, took me on a trip to Washington, D.C.

We arrived at the airport an hour before our flight. I loved the hustle and bustle of the crowded airport terminal. There were so many people going so many places! After Gigi and I got our tickets, we walked to the gate to wait for our plane.

When our flight was called, Gigi and I walked down the long hallway to board the flight. A flight attendant greeted us as we entered the plane. We found our seats. I got to sit next to a window.

Soon I heard the rumble of the jet engines. The plane began to roll away from the terminal and already my heart was beating fast. "Are you ready?" asked Gigi. I was too excited to speak so I just nodded and smiled.

As the plane went faster and faster down the runway, I closed my eyes. I felt the front of the plane lift. Then, suddenly, we were off the ground! I opened my eyes and watched everything below me get smaller.

We climbed above the clouds. When there was a break in the clouds, I saw farmers' fields that looked like patchwork quilts. Winding rivers looked silver in the sunlight.

I was having too much fun to read or nap on the plane. When we landed in Washington, three hours later, I was already looking forward to the flight back home.



1. What is the author's opinion of plane travel?
 - A. Most people enjoy traveling by plane.
 - B. Airline pilots have the best jobs.
 - C. Plane travel is very exciting.
 - D. Airports are good places to meet people.

2. Which word in the first paragraph gives a clue to the author's attitude toward flying?
 - F. thrill
 - G. first
 - H. taste
 - J. flying

3. Which phrase from the story best supports the author's viewpoint?
 - A. *We found our seats.*
 - B. *I was too excited to speak . . .*
 - C. *We climbed above the clouds.*
 - D. *A flight attendant greeted us . . .*

4. Which statement would the author probably disagree with?
 - F. Flight attendants are helpful and nice.
 - G. Sitting by a window makes a plane trip more fun.
 - H. Things on the ground look different from the air.
 - J. A crowded airport is loud and boring.

5. Based on the author's viewpoint, which of these is likely?
 - A. The author will take another trip by plane.
 - B. The author will travel only by train or by car.
 - C. The author will move to Washington, D.C.
 - D. The author will fall asleep on the plane on the way home.

