In 2016, the Paris Agreement was adopted, aimed at combating climate change by maintaining the global temperature increase well below 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels. World leaders, including President Barack Obama, emphasized the importance of this accord as a critical step towards preserving our planet for future generations. The agreement encouraged countries to set and regularly review their climate targets, as well as mobilize financial support for developing nations. Despite some setbacks, such as the United States withdrawing from the agreement in 2017, the Paris Agreement remains a key milestone in global efforts to address climate change.

1. What is the central idea of the passage?
   A) The importance of renewable energy
   B) The role of financial support in climate change efforts
   C) The significance of the Paris Agreement in addressing climate change
   D) The consequences of the United States withdrawing from the Paris Agreement

Charlotte Bronte’s novel ‘Jane Eyre’ is a coming-of-age story that follows the life of the titular character, Jane Eyre, as she navigates love, loss, and self-discovery. In one passage, Jane reflects on her situation at Thornfield Hall: ’I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being with an independent will, which I now exert to leave you.’ In this passage, the metaphor of a bird in a net is used to convey the idea of ________.

2. What idea does the metaphor of a bird in a net convey in the passage from ‘Jane Eyre’?
   A) entrapment
   B) freedom
   C) flight
   D) transformation

The Venus flytrap, a carnivorous plant, captures and digests small insects. Its trapping mechanism consists of modified leaves with sensitive trigger hairs. When an insect touches the hairs, the plant’s ________, trapping the prey.

3. Which choice completes the text so that it conforms to the conventions of Standard English?
   A) leaves snap shut
   B) leave snap shut
   C) leaves snaps shut
   D) leave snaps shut
4. In recent years, the rise of social media has greatly impacted the way people communicate and share information. While platforms like Facebook and Twitter have enabled users to connect with friends and family, they have also been criticized for their role in spreading misinformation and exacerbating political polarization. Some argue that the algorithms used by these platforms prioritize engagement over accuracy, resulting in a distorted view of reality. Others, however, believe that social media has democratized access to information, allowing individuals to bypass traditional gatekeepers like news organizations and government institutions.

4. Which rhetorical strategy does the author employ to discuss the effects of social media on the dissemination of information?
A) Comparing and contrasting different viewpoints  
B) Providing a chronological account of social media’s development  
C) Focusing solely on the negative aspects of social media  
D) Discussing the benefits of social media without acknowledging any drawbacks

5. While researching a topic, a student has taken the following notes:
- Modern art history includes various movements such as Cubism, Surrealism, and Abstract Expressionism.
- Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque were pioneers of the Cubism movement.
- Surrealism, with Salvador Dalí as a prominent figure, emerged in the 1920s.
- Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning were key artists in the Abstract Expressionism movement.

5. Which choice most effectively uses relevant information from the notes to explain the diversity of modern art history?
A) Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque were well-known artists in modern art history.  
B) The emergence of Surrealism in the 1920s marked a turning point in modern art history.  
C) Abstract Expressionism, which includes artists like Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning, is a significant movement in modern art history.  
D) Modern art history is diverse, encompassing movements such as Cubism with Picasso and Braque, Surrealism led by Dalí, and Abstract Expressionism featuring Pollock and de Kooning.

6. Reality television has been a popular genre for decades, with countless shows featuring ordinary people in unscripted situations. Despite criticisms of reality TV’s impact on society, the sustained popularity of the genre may indicate that it serves to _________.

6. Which choice most logically completes the text?
A) encourage educational programming  
B) promote traditional family values  
C) fulfill a need for relatable entertainment  
D) increase appreciation for scripted television