

**EDITION 3**

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## **Reading Skills Practice Test #1**

**Use this practice test to get ready for standardized tests.**

### **Instructions**

**This test is divided into two sections.**

**Here are some helpful hints for taking this practice test—or any test:**

- Make sure you understand each question fully before you answer it. How? Underline key words. Restate the question in your own words.
- Always refer to the text to find answers. It's a good idea to go back and reread parts of the text to answer a question.
- When you finish, check all your answers. You may find a mistake that you can correct.
- Most important, relax! Some people get nervous before a test. That's normal. Just do your best.

**SECTION 1: READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT**

**DIRECTIONS**

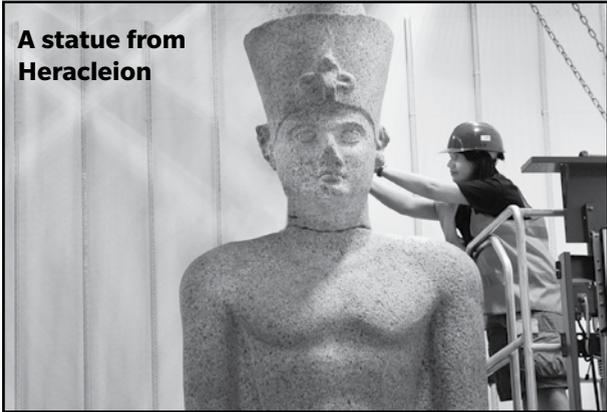
Read the article below, and then answer the questions on pages 2 and 3.

# Sunken City

1 Egypt is famous for its mummies and giant pyramids in the desert. But some of the country’s ancient treasures are hidden underwater. A long-lost city lies on the ocean floor near Egypt’s northern coast. In 2013, scientists lifted artifacts from that sunken city to the surface to share with the world.

**Clues to the Past**

2 The city was known as Heracleion (hah-ra-KLEE-en). It disappeared beneath the waves 1,200 years ago. Scientist Franck Goddio discovered the city in 2000. Since then, he and his team



A statue from Heracleion

have been busy removing layers of sand from what’s left of it. They’ve uncovered artifacts such as old gold coins, jewelry, giant statues, ships, and a sign. These artifacts have helped scientists find out what life was once like in Heracleion.

3 One thing that Goddio has learned is that people from other countries often sailed to Heracleion. They went to the city to trade goods, like food and clothing, with the people who lived there.

4 “It was an important port for all ships coming into Egypt,” says Goddio.

**Secrets of the Deep**

5 Goddio isn’t sure how the city sank. He thinks that an earthquake or a tidal wave may have caused it to topple into the sea.

6 “Stories from long ago tell of other cities in this area disappearing because of both of those things,” explains Goddio.

7 But so far, the sinking of this city remains a mystery.



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## SECTION 1: READING INFORMATIONAL TEXT

### 1. What is the article mostly about?

- Ⓐ an ancient statue
- Ⓑ the sunken remains of ancient city in Egypt
- Ⓒ an earthquake that destroyed ancient cities in Egypt
- Ⓓ the life of scientist Franck Goddio

### 2. PART A

**Which question can be answered by reading paragraph 1 of the article?**

- Ⓐ Where in the ocean did scientists find Heracleion?
- Ⓑ What was life like in Heracleion?
- Ⓒ Why did Heracleion disappear?
- Ⓓ How did people from other parts of the world travel to Heracleion?

### PART B

**Which sentence from paragraph 1 best supports the answer to Part A?**

- Ⓐ “Egypt is famous for its mummies and giant pyramids in the desert.”
- Ⓑ “But some of the country’s ancient treasures are hidden underwater.”
- Ⓒ “A long-lost city lies on the ocean floor near Egypt’s northern coast.”
- Ⓓ “In 2013, scientists lifted artifacts from that sunken city to the surface . . .”

### 3. PART A

**What does the word *artifacts* mean as it is used in paragraph 2 of the article?**

- Ⓐ stories
- Ⓑ clues in a mystery
- Ⓒ people from faraway places
- Ⓓ objects from long ago

### PART B

**Which phrase from the article best helps you understand the meaning of *artifacts*?**

- Ⓐ “It disappeared beneath the waves . . .” (*paragraph 2*)
- Ⓑ “. . . he and his team have been busy removing layers of sand . . .” (*paragraph 2*)
- Ⓒ “. . . old gold coins, jewelry, giant statues, ships, and a sign.” (*paragraph 2*)
- Ⓓ “They went to the city to trade goods . . .” (*paragraph 3*)

### 4. Which detail best supports the idea that Heracleion was an important port?

- Ⓐ People from other countries went to Heracleion to trade goods.
- Ⓑ Franck Goddio discovered Heracleion in 2000.
- Ⓒ Franck Goddio thinks Heracleion could have been sunk by an earthquake.
- Ⓓ No one knows for sure why Heracleion disappeared into the sea 1,200 years ago.

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