

**AD Testing Services
UIL Current Events
2009-2010 Sample Test**

(1)After blazing past the world record holder for the 800 meter run Caster Semenya is shrouded in controversy because of _____?

- a. her suspected steroid use
- b. claims that she is actually a man
- c. suspected bribery
- d. suspicion that she participated in efforts to overthrow the South African government
- e. participation in anti-US activities

(2)Which of the following is not true about the recent Afghan election?

- a. The incumbent president ran against more than 30 different people, but the winner still must get 50% of the vote
- b. Over 300,000 troops from various agencies were out to ensure the process went as smoothly as possible
- c. The election had been delayed for months
- d. The election had to be canceled because of violence
- e. Turnout in the rural areas of the country will determine the outcome of the election

(3)Which of the following statements about CARS, or Cash for Clunkers, is true?

- a. the government has only pay out a small fraction to the dealers of what they are owed
- b. any car could be traded in as a clunker in order to buy a more efficient vehicle
- c. the program had a budget of over \$5 billion
- d. over a million cars have been traded in under the program
- e. because of the program compared to last year auto sales have risen

(4)Which of the following did Sonia Sotomayor replace?

- a. John Roberts
- b. Stephen Breyer
- c. Ruth Ginsberg
- d. Antonin Scalia
- e. David Souter

(5)Which of the following has emerged as the main concern about healthcare reform among elderly people?

- a. death panels
- b. cost
- c. cuts the Medicare
- d. who will pay for the program
- e. rationing

(6) Most recent polls show that Americans have _____ confidence that President Obama will make the right decisions for the country.

- a. 40-49%
- b. 50-59%
- c. 60-69%
- d. 70-79%
- e. 80-89%

(7) Which bank was forced by the IRS to reveal the names of Americans holding Swiss bank accounts?

- a. Royal Bank of Scotland
- b. Citigroup
- c. HSBC
- d. UBS
- e. Credit Suisse

(8) Which of the following is threatening lakes as a water supply for Texans?

- a. Drought
- b. Silt
- c. Zebra Mussels
- d. both A and B
- e. both A and C

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Test Answer Key**

1. B <http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1917767,00.html>
2. D http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/8212306.stm
3. A <http://www.reuters.com/article/newsOne/idUSTRE57J6AD20090820>
4. E <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2009/08/14/ap/congress/main5241650.shtml>
5. C http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/21/health/policy/21housecall.html?_r=1&hp
6. A <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/08/20/AR2009082004305.html?hpid=topnews>
7. D <http://www.csmonitor.com/2009/0819/p06s05-woeu.html>
8. E http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/localnews/stories/DN-zebra_20met.ART.State.Edition2.4c08d74.html