

Answer Key

- 1 Read the sentence from the section "Art And Architecture."

Ancient Romans have had a tremendous impact on Western art and architecture.

Which sentence from the section BEST develops this idea?

- (A) Although the Romans were heavily influenced by ancient Greece, they were able to make improvements to certain borrowed Greek designs and inventions.
- (B) Ancient Romans created curved roofs and large-scale arches, which were able to support more weight than the post-and-beam construction the Greeks used.
- (C) **The sports stadiums we see today, with their oval shapes and tiered levels of seating, come from the basic idea the Romans developed.**
- (D) Romans made their statues out of marble, fashioning monuments to great human achievements and achievers.

- 2 Read the list of selections from the article.

1. *Shakespeare, in particular, was fascinated by the ancient Romans. They served as the inspiration for some of his plays, including "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra."*
2. *Ancient Romans spoke Latin, which spread throughout the world with the increase of Roman political power.*
3. *Latin became the basis for a group of languages referred to as the "Romance languages." These include French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian and Catalan.*
4. *Many Latin root words are also the foundation for many English words. The English alphabet is based on the Latin alphabet.*

Which two selections provide the BEST evidence to support the idea that the ancient Roman language has impacted the daily life of many people in the world today?

- (A) 1 and 2
- (B) 2 and 3
- (C) **3 and 4**
- (D) 1 and 4

- 3 Why does the author MOST LIKELY include information about Roman concrete?

- (A) **to highlight and explain the strength of Roman building materials**
- (B) to indicate the most important advancement the Romans created
- (C) to highlight the unexpected problems Romans faced building structures in seawater
- (D) to explore what caused Romans to discover the building strength of volcanic ash

- 4 What is the MAIN reason the author includes the section "Technology And Science"?

- (A) to compare the size of advanced Roman engineering projects in roads and agriculture
- (B) to contrast the engineering of Roman roads with other societies' roads in the ancient world
- (C) to indicate how Roman engineering techniques used today have dramatically changed over time
- (D) **to illustrate that Romans developed advanced and influential engineering techniques**

**Just in case it is blurry...

1. C
2. C
3. A
4. D