









# Show What You Know

The following are questions based on the passages “How We Vote” and “The Scam”. If needed, you may look back at the passages to answer the questions.

- 1. If a candidate who received less than 50 per cent of the votes wins a federal election here in Australia, it is because**
  - (A) voting is a winner-take-all system.
  - (B) the candidate was the most disliked.
  - (C) eligible voters had to vote or pay a stiff penalty.
  - (D) votes of lower-ranking candidates were redistributed.
- 2. What Australian animal is not named in the story “The Scam”?**
  - (A) koalas
  - (B) penguins
  - (C) kangaroos
  - (D) kookaburras
- 3. What do both stories have in common?**
  - (A) They both take place here in Australia.
  - (B) They are both about what is preferred here in Australia.
  - (C) They are both about how some things are done here in Australia.
  - (D) They are both about receiving 50% discounts for Russians coming to Australia.
- 4. From the stories, one can tell that here in Australia,**
  - (A) all eligible voters choose not to pay penalties.
  - (B) most eligible voters choose not to pay penalties.
  - (C) all eligible drivers drive on the right-hand side of the road.
  - (D) most eligible drivers drive on the right-hand side of the road.
- 5. Which statement is most likely true?**
  - (A) All countries have the same system of voting.
  - (B) Penguins do not live on the same continent as kangaroos.
  - (C) There are different systems of voting in different countries.
  - (D) Penguins can be found on the southern coast of all continents.

# Show What You Know (cont.)

6. Look at the percentage of the vote each candidate received the first time the votes were counted. Answer the questions below by filling in the blank to complete each sentence.

Candidate	A	B	C	D
% of Vote	30	21	25	24

- a. The votes of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ will be redistributed.
- b. These redistributed votes will go to the candidate the voter ranked as \_\_\_\_\_ choice on the ballot.
7. Imagine that these two cars are driving along a road in Russia. Circle the one that is going the wrong way!



Write three or more sentences that tell what each story is about.

8. "How We Vote"

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9. "The Scam"

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10. Think of something mentioned in the stories about Australian voting or driving that is done differently in another country. Describe the difference. Then, discuss the advantages or disadvantages of doing it a certain way. (Use a separate piece of paper. Your answer should be at least one paragraph long.)