

1999 NJCL READING COMPREHENSION TEST
LEVEL I

Read the following passages. Select the best answer for each question, based on the passages.

Passage A The Gorgon's Head

Res difficillima Perseo erat caput Gorgonis abscidere; eius enim conspectu homines in saxum vertebantur. Propter hanc causam Minerva speculum Perseo dederat. Ille igitur tergum vertit et in speculum inspiciebat; hoc modo ad locum venit ubi Medusa dormiebat. Tum falce sua caput eius uno ictu abscidit. Ceterae Gorgones statim e somno excitatae sunt; et ubi rem viderunt, ira commotae sunt. Arma ceperunt; nam Perseum occidere volebant. Ille autem dum fugit, galeam magicam induit; et ubi hoc fecit, statim e conspectu earum evasit.

Vocabulary:

abscido, -ere	cut off	ictus, -us	blow
speculum, -i	mirror	galea, -ae	helmet
falx, -cis	ax	induo, -ere	put on

1. Difficillima (line 1) means

A. less difficult	B. rather difficult
C. difficult	D. very difficult
2. Quid Perseum facere volebat?

A. caput suum amittere	B. ad capitolium ire
C. caput Gorgonis abscidere	D. circum capitolium ire
3. What happened to men in the Gorgon's sight?

A. They turned at the rock.	B. They bowed down to Perseus.
C. They improved their sight.	D. They were turned into rock.
4. What does eius (line 1) mean here?

A. this	B. her	C. their	D. his
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5. Dederat (line 3) means

A. ought	B. gave
C. has owed	D. had given
6. Quis speculum Perseo dederat?

A. Gorgo	B. Rex
C. Minerva	D. Medusa
7. Cur speculum Perseo datum erat?

A. ut prope Medusam dormiret	B. auxilio Medusae
C. ut ad Medusam veniret	D. ad Medusam audiendum

