1. What does the word brag mean as used in the two sentences below?

You probably already know about our deserts, our hot weather, our cacti, and, of course, our Grand Canyon. Arizona folks brag about these trademarks...I know I do!

A. To speak with pride   B. To debate   C. To discuss   D. To explain

2. Which of the following can you reasonably infer after reading the two sentences below?

Arizona farmers grow most of the winter lettuce for America’s salads. In fact, in the winter, Arizona is one of the only states with lettuce to sell.

A. Only certain states, like Arizona, are allowed to grow lettuce in the winter.
B. There isn’t a strong demand for lettuce in the winter since people eat healthier in the summer; therefore, one state, like Arizona, can supply enough lettuce for the country.
C. Arizona’s winters are uniquely warm enough to allow lettuce to grow while other states’ winters are too cold.
D. Workers from colder parts of the country come to Arizona for the warm weather, with more people in the state, Arizona needs to grow more lettuce.

3. Read the two sentences below, and answer why the author put quote marks around “berry sweet.”

My aunt, Hon E. Bee, pollinates organic melons and strawberries. She’s “berry sweet.”

A. Berry is the nickname for Pee Wee Bee’s aunt, and nicknames are placed in quotes.
B. Pee Wee Bee is quoting what his aunt said.
C. This was actually an accident, called a typo; since no one is being quoted, quote marks aren’t needed.
D. Pee Wee Bee is talking about strawberries, which are sweet; saying berry sweet instead of very sweet is a play on word, and play on words are placed in quotes.

4. According to Arizona Agriculture: Bee’s Amazing Adventure, which of the following is not used from cotton?

A. Clothing   B. Cooking oil   C. Golf balls   D. Crackers

5. The sentence below comes right after the topic of water and the little amount of rainfall in Arizona. What is the likely meaning of conserve?

Along with conserving water, it’s also important to preserve our land!

A. To give to another person on a big plate
B. To keep safe, save, or take care of
C. To use without thought or concern
D. To place in a large container