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Answer Key – Finding information in paragraphs

1. A reluctance to accept Darwin's claims. = D

In paragraph D it states that: 'Not only did many people who disbelieved in evolution give his prediction a cold shoulder, but also many who did believe ruled out the possibility of any butterfly or moth having a proboscis of about 30 centimetres.'

The above highlighted comments in the text have the same meaning as 'a reluctance to accept Darwin's claims.' In other words people did not believe his prediction.

2. Darwin received a package containing a flower. = A

In paragraph A it says: 'It so happened that in 1860, he received a parcel (by post) from one of his friends who was a botanist, loved gardening, and set up many orchids in his nursery. The parcel contained a carefully preserved flower, which belonged to a certain species of plants (Angraecu sesquipeale) which were known to thrive mainly on the island of Madagascar.'

The highlighted text confirms that Darwin received a package (parcel) containing a preserved flower.

3. Discovery of a moth fitting Darwin's description. = D

Paragraph D states: 'Several years later, two Britons set out in the jungles of Madagascar. They came across a moth whose wing span was 40.25 centimetres and the proboscis was 40 centimetres long when fully stretched. The moth would wind up its proboscis like a spring when flying and would stretch it out flat like a cylindrical tube while feeding. Today we call it the Hawk moth. Charles Darwin's prediction came true 20 years after his death.

The expression 'came across' has the same meaning as discovered and the rest of the highlighted text makes clear that the moth they found fitted the description of Darwin's claim. The last part of text also confirms it is called the Hawk Moth and that his prediction did come true.



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4. A peculiar aspect of the flower. = B

The key word in question four is '**peculiar**.' This means '**strange** or **unusual**' – so we are looking for something strange or different about the flower mentioned.

In paragraph B it states – 'What was strange about the flower was that it was 11 inches long and its nectar lay 1.5 inches deep.'

You will notice that we found one answer in paragraph A and B and two answers in paragraph D, but none of the answers were located in paragraph C.



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