

Read the selection below and answer the questions that follow it.

	<p>Amy followed her co-worker into the lunchroom. “Stop worrying. You can’t lose your job.”</p>	1
	<p>She walked over to the staff bulletin board. “Look, it says so right here in this brochure about the <i>Occupational Health and Safety Act</i>. Any worker can say no to work if “the physical condition of the workplace or the part thereof in which he or she works or is to work is likely to endanger him or her.”</p>	2
	<p>“And what exactly does that mean in everyday language?” asked Joe.</p>	3
	<p>“It means that any worker has the right to refuse unsafe work. The shift supervisor asked you to clean the equipment with solvent in an unventilated space. That storeroom doesn’t even have a window to open. If you had obeyed her, you would have breathed harmful fumes. So you were right to say no. Because Shauna is a supervisor, she really needs to know about what’s in the Act.”</p>	4
	<p>“I’ve only worked here three weeks. I don’t want Shauna to think I’m a troublemaker,” Joe blurted in a rush. He collapsed into a chair.</p>	5
	<p>“When I did a research project at school, I found out that an average of 42 young workers are harmed on the job every day just in Ontario. You don’t want to be one of them.”</p>	6
	<p>“I can see that knowing about workplace safety is essential for every one.” Joe stood up with a smile. “Let’s talk to Shauna.”</p>	7

Multiple-Choice (Record the best or most correct answer on the Student Answer Sheet.)

- 1** Why does Joe ask Amy to use “everyday language” (paragraph 3)?
- a Joe is testing Amy’s understanding.
 - b The lunchroom is too noisy to hear her.
 - c The brochure uses complicated language.
 - d Amy is speaking too fast for him to understand.
- 2** What is the relationship between the information in paragraphs 2 and 4?
- a two contrasting ideas
 - b a question and its answer
 - c an opinion and supporting details
 - d a general idea and a specific example
- 3** Why does Joe collapse into the chair?
- a Working has tired him out.
 - b He doesn’t know what to do next.
 - c He feels sick from breathing fumes.
 - d Amy’s words help him feel relaxed.
- 4** Which phrase is quoted from the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*?
- a “any worker can say no to work” (paragraph 2)
 - b “is likely to endanger him or her” (paragraph 2)
 - c “any worker has the right to refuse unsafe work” (paragraph 4)
 - d “workplace safety is essential for everyone” (paragraph 7)
- 5** What does this selection indicate about Joe’s and Amy’s workplace?
- a Some employees lack safety training.
 - b Only men are in supervisory positions.
 - c New employees feel secure in their jobs.
 - d All storage areas are adequately ventilated.



Written Answer

6 What is one character trait that describes Amy? Use specific details from this selection to support your answer.

7 Why should everyone learn about workplace safety? Use specific details from this selection and your own ideas to support your answer.

Rough Notes

Use the space below for rough notes. Nothing you write in this space will be scored.

End of Section IX. Continue to Section X. 