Section C Slow Motion Is Now So Rare

Understanding the Text A. 1. c 2. a 3. c 4. b

B. 1. The snail was surprised because he had heard that the tortoise had once beat the nimble hare.

2. The tortoise’s great grandpa won the race because the hare went off to sleep, thinking he would be able to win the race easily. But while the hare slept, the tortoise just kept going on till he won.

3. The snail thought it was queer that a tortoise had been able to beat a hare in a race.

4. If a race was held between a tortoise and a hare today, the crowds of sporting folks would come and keep the hare awake. It would be hard work for the snail to run the race. He would have to take long steps and toil very hard, and might even lose.

5. The tortoise thought they were more distinguished than the hare today because people have forgotten the art of doing things slowly. Slow motion is a rare thing today, so the tortoise felt they did not need to be proud to beat the hare.

C. 1. a. The tortoise says this to the snail.

b. The snail asked the tortoise about his speed.

c. The answer surprised the snail because he had heard that a long time ago, the tortoise had beaten the hare in a race.

2. a. The snail asked this question.

b. He is talking about a race against the hare.

c. The tortoise smiled and told the snail that its chances of winning the race were very slim.

3. a. The tortoise says this to the snail.

b. The snail would have to take long strides.

c. The person would have to work very hard to beat the hare in a race.