

Read the selection below and answer the following questions.

Tip: The numbers at the side of the selection indicate line numbers.

Algonquin Park is an example of one location existing for a variety of purposes. Established in 1893, it is the oldest provincial park in Canada. It is approximately 7,653 square kilometres. In size, this is about one and a half times the size of the province of Prince Edward Island. Because of its vast size and proximity to major populated areas such as Ottawa and Toronto, Algonquin is one of the most popular provincial parks in Canada. Algonquin Park is located between Georgian Bay and the Ottawa River in Central Ontario, and an east-west road, Highway 60, runs right through the south end of the park. Besides having over 2,400 lakes and 1,200 kilometres of streams and rivers, Algonquin Provincial Park also has visitor interpretation programs, historic structures, camps, administration buildings and museums. The park offers many different seasonal activities such as day hiking, camping, canoeing, mountain biking, horseback riding and cross-country skiing. Interestingly, Algonquin is the only designated park in Ontario to allow industrial logging to take place. Those managing Algonquin Provincial Park work hard to balance tourism, conservation, research and industry so its many purposes can exist in harmony all in one location. Although Algonquin Park has been around for a long time, it is a gem that provides enjoyment for its many yearly visitors.

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Tip: While reading, think about Algonquin Park and ask yourself questions about it.



**Multiple-Choice** (Circle the best or most correct answer.)

**1** How large is Algonquin Provincial Park?

- A half the size of Prince Edward Island
- B one and a half times the size of Prince Edward Island
- C twice the size of Prince Edward Island
- D half the size of Quebec City

**2** Why is Algonquin Provincial Park popular with tourists?

- A It is extremely far from urban centres.
- B It has museums.
- C There are a lot of activities.
- D It is a small park.

**3** Which line demonstrates the use of commas to separate items in a list?

- A line 2
- B line 8
- C line 11
- D line 15

**4** Which of the following is closest in meaning to the word "gem" as used in line 16?

- A something special
- B precious stone
- C location with lots of rocks
- D jewellery

**5** What is the purpose of this selection?

- A to let readers know there is a lot to do at Algonquin Provincial Park
- B to provide facts on the size of the park
- C to describe the exact location of Algonquin Provincial Park
- D to explain that Algonquin Provincial Park serves many purposes

*Tip: Go back and read the word "gem" in context in the paragraph. The best answer is not the literal meaning of "gem."*

