Critical Reading Questions
On the line to the left, write the letter of the best answer. Make sure your penmanship is legible.

___ 1. Why is the discovery of Ötzi so important?
   a. It proves that bodies can be preserved in ice for as long as 5,000 years.
   b. The objects preserved with the body are clues to daily life over 5,000 years ago.
   c. It helps scientists understand how medicine men worked 5,000 years ago.
   d. It tells us that people had flint over 5,000 years ago.

___ 2. Why do scientists believe Ötzi may have been either a shepherd, trader, or a medicine man on a search?
   a. He was carrying antelope meat when he died.
   b. He was carrying a flint to start a fire when he died.
   c. He was traveling alone high in the mountains when he died.
   d. He may have been injured or sick when he died.

___ 3. What equipment did Copper Age people have?
   I. wheeled wagons
   II. plows for farming
   III. linen clothes and shoes
   IV. matches for starting fires
   a. I, II, III
   b. I, II, IV
   c. I, III, IV
   d. II, III, IV

___ 4. Which of the following were made by hard flints?
   a. stone daggers and knives
   b. wheeled wagons
   c. plows
   d. tattoos

___ 5. Why do scientists believe Ötzi had traveled far to the south?
   a. Ötzi was apparently unused to the cold weather high in the mountains.
   b. Ötzi's body was discovered in southern Europe.
   c. Ötzi's tattoo lines suggest that he probably came from the south.
   d. Ötzi may have obtained his ax from copper workers in the south.

___ 6. What object was Ötzi making before he died?
   a. an ax
   b. a bow
   c. a rock shelter
   d. a wheeled wagon

___ 7. Why did Ötzi need to add feathers to his arrows?
   a. to identify his arrows when he shot an animal
   b. to make his arrows fly at an angle
   c. to make his arrows fly accurately to their targets
   d. to make magic to protect him from bears and wolves
8. Why couldn’t Ötzi build a fire to keep alive?
   a. He could not strike a spark with his flint.
   b. His strips of felt may have been lost.
   c. It may have been too windy.
   d. He could not find branches above the tree line.

9. Why do scientists think Ötzi may have been sick or injured when he died?
   a. His only hope for survival was to keep traveling and he didn’t.
   b. Only a weak person would have slept on a large stone.
   c. All his supplies had been eaten.
   d. His treasures lay beside him.

10. Ötzi was ________ his ax to make a new bow.
    a. admiring
    b. preserving
    c. trading
    d. wielding