Sample questions are shown below for the Reading Comprehension ACCUPLACER test. *Keep in mind* that these sample questions are not meant to be a study guide, but are designed to give you a general idea of the types of questions you will find on the IVCC Placement test.

**READING COMPREHENSION - NARRATION**

**Question 1**  
Every sip of milk contains 59 different bioactive hormones according to endocrinologist Clark Grosvenor. Imagine taking 59 different hormone pills every morning, afternoon and evening. These hormones cause mood swings, irritability and depression. Imagine the devastation that is created in your body by the cumulative effect of taking those powerful drugs. What is the gross effect on the total behavior of a society, so dosed?

As we drink more and more milk and increase the amount of genetically engineered milk and cheese and ice cream products containing increased levels of naturally occurring milk hormones, we most certainly have influenced the way we act as a society.

The author's argument is that:

A. Many people are drug addicts  
B. Milk has an effect on the way our society acts  
C. Women need to take hormones  
D. Everyone should drink more milk  

**Question 2**  
In the words of Thomas De Quincey, "It is notorious that the memory strengthens as you lay burdens upon it." If, like most people, you have trouble recalling names of those you have just met, try this: the next time you are introduced, plan to remember the names. Say to yourself, "I'll listen carefully; repeat each person's name to be sure I've got it, and I will remember." You'll discover how effective this technique is and probably recall those names for the rest of your life.

The main idea of the paragraph maintains that the memory

A. always operates at peak efficiency.  
B. breaks down under great strain.  
C. improves if it is used often.  
D. becomes unreliable if it tires.

**READING COMPREHENSION - SENTENCE RELATIONSHIPS**

Two bold sentences are followed by a question or statement about them. Read each pair of sentences and then choose the best answer to the question or the best completion of the statement.
Question 3
The Midwest is experiencing its worst drought in fifteen years. Corn and soybean prices are expected to be very high this year.

What does the second sentence do?

A. It restates the idea found in the first.
B. It states an effect.
C. It gives an example.
D. It analyzes the statement made in the first.

Question 4
The rain froze as it touched the ground. Roads were slippery and dangerous.

How are the two sentences related?

A. the second sentence contradicts the first
B. the two sentences set up a comparison
C. the second sentence shows a direct result of the first
D. the second sentence states what dangerous means

Question 5
The American prison system functions primarily to extract retribution. In Japan, the courts are less concerned with sending people to jail than they are with rehabilitating them.

What does the second sentence do?

A. It supports an idea found in the first sentence.
B. It analyzes an idea stated in the first sentence.
C. It states a contrast to the statement in the first sentence.
D. It exemplifies an idea found in the first sentence.

Answers:

1. B. Milk has an effect on the way our society acts
2. C. improves if it is used often.
3. B. It states an effect.
4. C. the second sentence shows a direct result of the first
5. C. It states a contrast to the statement in the first sentence.