READING COMPREHENSION
Choose the best response, based on your reading of the Essay.

❶ The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao was designed by_____.
(a) Basque Country Administration (BCA)   (c) Solomon R. Guggenheim
(b) Frank O. Gehry   (d) Frank Lloyd Wright

❷ The museum reflects the _____ that made Bilbao prosperous.
(a) airport and ferries   (c) port and sherries
(b) port and quarries   (d) many local fruits and vegetables

❸ The design of Gehry's Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao was influenced partly by_____.
(a) Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum in New York
(b) Frank Lloyd Wright's Imperial Hotel in Tokyo
(c) Gehry's own Star Wars Concert Hall in Las Vegas
(d) Gehry's own Opera House in Sydney

❹ The Bilbao effectively used both _____panels and computer models.
(a) celebrity   (c) titanium
(b) geranium   (d) wood

❺ Choose "T" for True or "F" for False.
Gehry often "smashes" different images and materials together artistically: it's like a collage. (T)   (F)

Complete the Summary by filling in the blanks

Frank O. Gehry's Guggenheim Museum, an architectural masterpiece, attracts nearly one million (**1**) a year to Bilbao, Spain. Other cities have tried to engineer a similar "Bilbao effect."

For the Basque Country Administration (the owners), this museum of contemporary art is part of a vast (**2**) revitalization plan. For the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, which co-manages the museum and provides artworks, the Bilbao museum is part (**3**) a plan to "franchise" the Guggenheim experience outside of New York.

The collage-like architecture has several sources of inspiration. Frank Lloyd Wright's celebrated Guggenheim in New York. The terraced quarries or open pits of the local mines that generated Bilbao's wealth (**4**) the Industrial (**5**). The hulls and sails of the (**6**) that used the port. There are also fins and scales: fish are a favorite Gehry motif.

The Bilbao effectively used (**7**) titanium panels and computer models. Gehry's later buildings developed such techniques further, but used (**8**) expensive steel panels.

a. Revolution   **b.** of   **c.** both   **d.** economic   **e.** ships   **f.** visitors   **g.** more
h. less   **i.** during