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Read the passages and answer the questions that follow. Then write a response to the writing prompt.

Passage 1

Excerpt from "Why Do Octopuses Remind Us So Much of Ourselves?"

by Olivia Judson

1 You're sitting on the seabed, just off the coast of the Indonesian island of Lembeh. You're not deep — 20 feet or so — and there's plenty of light. As you'd expect in such a tropical place, the water is warm. All around, you see ripples of fine gray-black sand, covered, in places, with a kind of greenish scum. As you explore, you notice a conch shell. Stoutly made, it has six heavy spikes coming off it. Perhaps the maker is within. Or perhaps the maker is long dead, and the shell now belongs to a hermit crab. Curious, you flip it over. A row of suckers. A pair of eyes.

2 An octopus. In particular, *Amphioctopus marginatus*, also known as the coconut octopus. Its common name comes from its habit of hiding in discarded coconut shells (sometimes it even

picks them up and carries them about, for use as an emergency shelter). But in fact, any big shell will do — such as a conch.

3 With a few of its suckers, this octopus is holding two halves of a clamshell. As you watch, it drops them and hoists itself up a little. It gives the impression of evaluating the situation. You make like a statue. After a moment, the octopus climbs out of the shell. Its body is the size of your thumb, its arms perhaps three times that. As it moves onto the sand, it turns a matching shade of dark gray. Is it leaving? No. It snakes several of its arms over the sand, and the rest over the shell. With a single heave, it flips the shell back over and flows inside.

Olivia Judson. Excerpt from "Why Do Octopuses Remind Us So Much of Ourselves?" National Geographic.com. National Geographic Society, n.d. November 2016.

Passage 2

Excerpt from "Inky's Daring Escape Shows How Smart Octopuses Are"

by Wajeeha Malik

1 An octopus at New Zealand's National Aquarium made a break for freedom by slipping out of its tank, slithering down a drainpipe and escaping into the ocean earlier this year.

2 Inky, a male common New Zealand octopus, escaped his enclosure through a small opening. He slid across the floor during the night and squeezed his body through a narrow pipe leading to open waters.

3 Yarrell and his team noticed Inky's disappearance three months ago, and were able to figure out where their charge had disappeared overnight by following the wet trail he left behind. Inky had managed to move the lid to his enclosure, which he shared with another octopus. . . .

4 Although not fully grown, Inky had reached adult size, says Yarrell. Inky's story has been trending worldwide since his escape became public knowledge, which surprised staff at the Aquarium.

- 5 "We did not expect that much interest at all from around the world; we thought it was just a story for the locals, but it has received a lot of attention," says Yarrell.
- 6 Inky had been donated to the National Aquarium in Napier in 2014 by fishermen who caught him on Pania Reef. He came in quite battle-worn and scarred from fighting fish. He quickly became a favorite with staff because of his engaging and curious nature.
- 7 "I don't think he was unhappy with us, or lonely, as octopus are solitary creatures," Yarrell said in a press release. "But he is such a curious boy. He would want to know what's happening on the outside. That's just his personality."

Wajeeha Malik. Excerpt from "Inky's Daring Escape Shows How Smart Octopuses Are." Nationalgeographic.com. National Geographic Society, n.d. April 14, 2016.

What is the meaning of the word impression as it is used in paragraph 3 of the excerpt from "Why Do Octopuses Remind Us So Much of Ourselves"?

- A. mistake
- B. appearance
- C. result
- D. enjoyment

prompt: write an informational essay about the kinds of intelligence octopuses have, using information from both passages.

- should be a multi-paragraph informational essay