Stamps: reading tasks

1 Answer the following questions about collecting things:
   a Do you like collecting things? If yes, what?
   b What are popular things for people to collect in your country?
   c Is stamp collecting popular? If yes, why do you think this is?

2 Answer these questions about stamps from your own country:
   a Do you have first and second class stamps?
   b What is the price of a stamp to send a letter?
   c Are the stamps adhesive, or self-adhesive?
   d When was the last time you sent a stamped personal letter (not a business one)?

3 Read the paragraphs and decide which paragraph answers which question. One has
   been done for you as an example.

   1 Why do you collect stamps? _____

   2 What did you find out about the history? _____

   3 What about their designs? _____

   4 What about other countries? _____

   5 What's your favourite stamp? _____

   6 What's the most expensive stamp in the world? __B__

4 Find the following in the text:
   a something you didn’t agree with
   b something you thought was interesting / funny
   c something you thought was boring
   d something that you knew already
   e something you didn’t understand

5 Look at this website http://www.postalheritage.org.uk and answer these questions:

   a Click Stamp of the Month. What is the stamp this month?
   b Click The Post of Christmas Past. When was the first Christmas card sent? How
      many Christmas cards were sent in 2005?
   c Click Shop at the top of the page. What kinds of things can you buy? How much do
      the T shirts cost?