Bisons have not always lived in North America; they are relative (s) newcomers. They belong to the wild bull family s), like domestic cattle and the wild oxen of Africa and Asia. The oldest known bison (s) traces or remains have been found in China and the Himalayan foothills, where an animal (s) with all the essential features of the genus lived a million years ago. They developed fast and spread over most of the northern hemisphere in Europe and Siberia. During one of the Ice Ages, the sea (s) level (s) dropped, exposing a land bridge (s) across the Bering Strait, allowing the faunas of Asia and North America to meet. Very early, the steppe bison (s) moved eastward to the North American continent (s). Much later, men followed the same route (s).

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5	developed	did	Past Simple	
6	allowing	ing	Participle I	позволяя
7	to meet	to+verb	Infinitive	

#8. Answer the questions according to the text:

- 1. Which of the following subjects the passage would most likely be reading in?
- a) Botany
- b) Zoology
- c) Geography
- d) Modern science
- e) Anthropology
- 2. According to the passage, when did the bison move to North America?
- a) Over a million years go.
- b) Relatively recently in North American history.
- c) During one of the Ice Ages.
- d) Early in man's habitation of North America.
- e) Half a century ago.
- 3. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the passage?
- a) The classification of Asian and North American fauna.
- b) An introduction to the North American bison.
- c) An analysis of the bison genus in the bull family.
- d) A hypothesis of the evolution of the bull.
- e) An introduction to the Asian faunas.

4. According to the passage, the bison moved from Asia to North America by ...

- a) crossing the sea
- b) walking over the land
- c) traveling through the foothills
- d) climbing over a bridge
- e) walking through the forest

- How long have Bisons lived in North America?
- 2. What kind of animals are they?
- 3. Where were the oldest ones found?
- 4. How did they develop?
- 5. What happened during the Ice Ages?
- 6. Where did the Bisons move then?
- 7. What happened later?