Read the selection below and answer the questions that follow it.

Greasing the Wheels of Change

Since starting their road trip in British Columbia on October 1, 2008, Cloe Whittaker and Tyson Jerry have stopped at many fast-food restaurants. But the pair aren't breaking for snacks—they're refuelling their van. 1

Under the name "Driven to Sustain," the two young environmentalists are driving across each province, territory and state in Canada and the U.S. and then into Mexico in a van powered by vegetable oil. The van can travel 8 km on a litre of this fuel. 2

The couple obtain used oil free from local restaurants, saving hundreds of dollars and carbon emissions. "People behind us say the van smells like barbecue, but to me, it's not an obvious difference," Whittaker said. 3

The pair hope to set a world record for the longest journey by car using alternative fuel, with a goal of covering 45 000 kilometres in about six months. The title currently belongs to four Germans, who drove 38 137 kilometres on natural gas two years ago. 4

Growing up around Georgian Bay inspired Jerry's respect for nature. He worked as a tree planter while studying environmental management. Whittaker grew up camping in the prairies. She finished her degree in anthropology and environmental studies a year ago. The pair met last summer and realized they shared goals for sustainable living. 5

"We're not looking to become famous," Jerry said. 6

"We want to convey the idea that people have a choice. We have this incredible technology [for the car], but really, change has to come from people's mentalities," Whittaker said after meeting with the student ecological club at an Ontario high school. 7

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Multiple-Choice (Record the best or most correct answer on the Student Answer Sheet.)

1 According to the selection, why did Whittaker and Jerry make frequent stops?

- **A** to present their ideas
- **B** to buy some fast food
- **C** to give their van a rest
- **D** to obtain used cooking oil

2 Why were Whittaker and Jerry working together?

- **F** They loved fast food.
- **G** They grew up together.
- **H** They had similar beliefs.
- **J** They planted trees together.

3 What was the environmental benefit of the "Driven to Sustain" project?

- **A** It used natural gas.
- **B** It reduced fuel costs.
- **C** It recycled a waste product.
- **D** It resulted in a better-smelling emission.

4 What word is closest in meaning to "convey" as used in paragraph 7?

- **F** carry
- **G** change
- **H** continue
- **J** communicate

5 Which event described in the selection happened first?

- **A** The road trip began in British Columbia.
- **B** Whittaker and Jerry met during the summer.
- **C** A German car using alternative fuel set a world record.
- **D** Whittaker finished her university degree in anthropology.

Turn the page to complete this section.