**Part 1: Main Idea (4 points)**

*Use information from the reading to answer the questions in your own words.*

1. What is the main idea of the entire article?
2. What is the main idea of paragraph 8 (lines 49 – 56)?

**Part 2: Comprehension Questions (10 points)**

*Use information from the reading to answer the questions in your own words.*

1. What was found in the mountains?
2. Who found it?
3. What was the Ice Man wearing when he was found?
4. What did the Ice Man have with him?
5. According to the article, what might the Ice Man have been doing before he died?
6. Describe the society the Ice Man lived in.
7. Researchers do not yet know exactly how the Ice Man died, but there are many clues. What are some of these clues?
8. The Ice Man was buried for many years, and he could have remained buried for many more years. However, he was found. What allowed the Ice Man to be found?
9. Why was archeologist Colin Renfrew worried about “hot TV lights”?
10. Rober Sokal stated that it is a problem to deal with a single individual. What does he mean by this?

**Part 3: Vocabulary (8 points)**

*Find the following words in the reading and determine what they mean from context. Write a definition and a sentence of your own.*

1. Corpse (line 9)
   1. Definition:
   2. Sentence:
2. Tongue (line 29)
   1. Definition:
   2. Sentence:
3. Specimens (line 56)
   1. Definition:
   2. Sentence:
4. Fragile (line 45)
   1. Definition:
   2. Sentence:

**Part 4: Critical Thinking** **(10 points)**

1. The first paragraph of the article gives a personalized description of the Ice Man leaving his people 4,000 years ago. Why do you think the article is started this way?
2. From the information in the article, what do you know about the Alpine climate? How do you know?
3. Line 49 states that “all biological research has been put on ice.” What does *put on ice* mean in this situation?
4. Why is the title of the article *A Messenger from the Past*?
5. The Ice Man may be more useful to researchers than other ancient corpses. What is it about the Ice Man that makes this discovery more potentially useful?