Questions 1-4 are based on the following passage.

Read the passage and the questions below. Then choose the letter of the best answer for each question.

For centuries now, the newspaper has been an important staple in many societies. Whether it is distributed among towns, businesses, unions, or the country as a whole, a newspaper can offer a sense of community within a group.

The first weekly newspaper was distributed in Venice, Italy in the 1500s. This early news source gave Italians short updates on wars happening around Europe. People in countries as far as England even read the Venetian newspaper. Other cities in Europe began to follow this model for weekly news distribution.

The format of newspapers changed over the next few centuries in Europe. Newspapers in England began using headlines and advertisements. These features became prominent in newspapers distributed by the American colonies, which played a huge part leading up to the American Revolution. Many journalists used the newspapers to publicly denounce the British government. At a time when Americans felt they had no power, the newspaper gave them a place to express their opinions. Without this opportunity, the American Revolution may never have happened.

With so much new technology today, journalists fear that soon the newspaper will be a thing of the past. First radio, then television, and now the Internet offer more up-to-date news than a newspaper can. Such technology can help people to be more informed about current events. But, some people worry about whether the quality of the news will be compromised. Reporters for print newspapers have the time to check all of their facts and make their story as perfect as possible. However, reporters for online news sources tend to be more concerned with getting the story on the Web site as quickly as possible. As long as news sources continue to offer a sense of unity to their readers, the spirit of the newspaper will not be lost.

1. The passage is primarily concerned with
   (A) the death of the newspaper
   (B) the effect of a newspaper on a community
   (C) what led up to the American Revolution
   (D) Italian wars in the 1500s
   (E) the invention of the printing press

2. In the second paragraph of the passage, the word denounce most nearly means
   (A) praise
   (B) ignore
   (C) pressure
   (D) criticize
   (E) irritate

3. According to the passage, why are some people concerned with the news being presented in only an online format?
   (A) Reporters will not take the time to make sure their stories are accurate.
   (B) People will not read the news as much.
   (C) Online news will not be available to everyone in a community.
   (D) Distributing the news will take longer.
   (E) The internet is not a dependable source for news.

4. The writer suggests the model for newspapers today came from which of the following countries?
   (A) Italy
   (B) America
   (C) Germany
   (D) The Netherlands
   (E) England