

Directions: First, read the following letter.* Then, answer questions 1-5 by selecting the best structure to complete each missing part of the text.

To the Editor:

Anyone who has spent a few days — or nights — in occupied Zuccotti Park near Wall Street this past week would have trouble recognizing what 1 in “Gunning for Wall Street, With Faulty Aim,” by Ginia Bellafante (Big City column, Sept. 25).

The protesters’ numbers have been growing, not “dwindling,” both in New York and in related occupations around the country. Though their views are diverse, what 2 is anything but “impossible to 3 ”: the rampant corruption of the country’s politics by a wealthy few.

At the symbolic heart of that corruption, 4 through a purposely leaderless, consensus-based process based on people, not money. For many Americans, nonviolent direct action like this is the best hope for having a political voice, and it deserves 5 .

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- 1) _____
A. they’ve seen
B. has been seen by them
- 2) _____
A. exactly unites them
B. they are exactly united by
- 3) _____
A. decipher
B. be deciphered
- 4) _____
A. protesters are making decisions and organizing themselves
B. decisions are being made by protesters and they are being organized by themselves
- 5) _____
A. for those of us in the press to take it seriously.
B. to be taken seriously by those of us in the press.

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