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2. Where did Elizabeth Blackwell go to medical school? What year did she graduate?

3. What is the best meaning of *observed*, as it is used in the article?

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| a. celebrated | b. watched carefully |
| c. remarked | d. noticed |

4. What is the author's purpose for writing this article?

- a. to persuade the reader to go to medical school
- b. to persuade the reader that women can be doctors
- c. to inform the reader about the challenges of medical school
- d. to inform the reader about the first woman doctor in the United States

ANSWER KEY

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