Communication Arts

Power Standard 8:3

Pre-Formative Test

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**DIRECTONS: Read *The Moustache*. Then answer the following questions.**

1. What is the point of view of the passage?

A. first person

B. third person

C. second person

D. third person omniscient

1. What is the best way to paraphrase the following quote from the story:

*“You can build a way of life on postponement.”*

1. To be successful at life you need a schedule.
2. You can set your own timeline to reach your goals.
3. You can make a habit of putting things off.
4. It’s never too late to start over.
5. Based upon the passage, do you think Mike will shave off his moustache? Use information from the passage to support your answer.

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1. What is the main idea of this passage? Use **one** detail to support your answer.

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**DIRECTIONS: Read *The Rattler* and answer the questions below.**

1. Read the following account of Scott and Yun’s experience and decide which sentence is not needed for the summary.

**1**Scott and Yun were walking when Scott’s seeing-eye dog barked. **2**“What’s up Mid?” he said. **3**Scott knew his dog only barked that way when there was danger. **4**He and Yun heard a rattlesnake.  **5**Scott recalled his dad’s advice and knew what to do.

1. Sentence 1
2. Sentence 2
3. Sentence 3
4. Sentence 4
5. What conclusion can you draw from paragraph 1?
6. Scott and Yun go everywhere together.
7. Scott depends a lot on his seeing-eye dog.
8. Scott always has trouble crossing the street.
9. Scott has a hard time remembering his near accident.
10. The author uses flashback in the passage in order to
11. help make the story more interesting for the reader.
12. help the reader understand reasons for Midnight’s actions.
13. help make the reader aware of dangerous situations.
14. help the reader get to know Yun better as a character.
15. Which of the following sentences best demonstrates the overall mood of the passage?
16. Scott and Yun were strolling in the hills behind their home, enjoying the warm afternoon air.
17. He heard the “beep-beep” that signaled the green light.
18. Yun and Scott listened carefully, but neither friend quite realized the danger that was nearby.
19. Scott took a deep breath. He knew exactly what to do.
20. Which of the following phrases best represents the theme of the passage?
21. Overcome your disability.
22. Follow your instincts.
23. Listen to your parents.
24. Learn from previous experiences.
25. What is the main conflict Scott is experiencing in the story?
26. Character vs. Character
27. Character vs. Self
28. Character vs. Nature
29. Character vs. Society
30. What was Scott’s motivation to stop walking?
31. His guide dog stopped walking.
32. He remembered nearly being hit by a car.
33. His guide dog barked loudly.
34. He heard the snake’s rattle.