Willard Middle School – Communication Arts

Power Standard 8.3: Formative

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**DIRECTIONS: Read *Call of the Wild*. Then answer questions 1 and 2.**

1. Use information from the passage to tell how the passage would have been different if it had been written from Thornton’s point of view. Use at least two details to support your answer.

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1. The bet between Matthewson and Thornton takes place in front of a crowd. Why did the author choose to have the scene take place in front of a crowd instead of the two characters by themselves?
2. The crowd adds a sense of drama to the scene.
3. The crowd is there to insult Buck and Thornton.
4. The crowd shows readers the importance of the event.
5. The crowd is there to encourage Buck and Thornton.

**DIRECTIONS: Read *Saint Louis Zoo Conservation Efforts*. Then answer questions 3, 4, and 5.**

3. What is the author’s message and what part of the passage best communicates the

message? Explain your choice using two details and/or examples from the passage.

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4. Which of the following sentences best summarizes this article?

A. The Saint Louis Zoo is concerned about clean drinking water.

B. If the Saint Louis Zoo saves money, the visitors and animals will benefit.

C. The Saint Louis Zoo sees the benefit of preserving natural resources.

D. The Saint Louis Zoo began recycling cell phones in 2003.

5. Which of the following would most likely be the result of the Saint Louis Zoo deciding

NOT to conserve natural resources?

A. The zoo would see a decrease in the 3 million annual visitors.

B. Private donations would no longer be given to the Saint Louis Zoo.

C. Fountains would continue to be turned off when no visitors were there.

D. The new animal nutrition center that is in the design phase may not be built.