Selection Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. How can readers tell “The Babe and I” is historical fiction?
   A. It has a real person and has events that could have happened.
   B. It has directions telling where characters are on a stage.
   C. It tells about a mystery that characters try to solve.
   D. It explains how people and places came to be.

2. What secret is Dad keeping in the story?
   F. He does not have a real job.
   G. He is saving for a new bicycle.
   H. He has started selling newspapers.
   I. He has tickets to watch Babe Ruth play.

3. Why is the narrator sorry after he spends his birthday dime?
   A. He needs the money to buy a newspaper.
   B. He sees something else that he wants to buy.
   C. He does not like the taste of the apples he buys.
   D. He knows how hard his dad worked for the money.

4. How does Babe Ruth help the narrator sell papers?
   F. by giving the narrator a job
   G. by having lots of money to spend
   H. by being a famous baseball player
   I. by telling others to buy from the narrator
5. How does Dad MOST LIKELY feel when the narrator tells him that he was once on Webster Avenue?
   A ashamed
   B curious
   C lucky
   D brave

6. What is the MAIN reason Jacob and the narrator sell more papers than other people?
   F They stand near a busy apartment building.
   G They know people are interested in baseball.
   H They call out the headlines in a loud voice.
   I They are strong and can carry many papers.

7. Why doesn’t the narrator recognize Babe Ruth when Babe gives him a five-dollar bill?
   A Babe does not have on his baseball clothes.
   B Babe is too tall for the narrator to see his face.
   C Babe looks older than his pictures in the paper.
   D Babe uses another name when he talks to the narrator.

8. How are the narrator and his dad ALIKE?
   F They both play baseball.
   G They are both “newsies.”
   H They both earn money.
   I They both sell apples.
Written Response (worth two points)

9. **COMPARING TEXTS** At the time this story took place, why were people so interested in reading about Babe Ruth? Use information and details from “The Babe and I” AND the time line “America’s National Pastime” to support your answer.

   **Sample two-point response:** In 1927, Babe had hit 60 home runs in one season. No one broke his record for 34 years. When this story took place, he was the world’s greatest baseball player. His team was the best in the world.
Phonics/Spelling: Compound Words

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. How should you divide the word starfish into two words?
   - A. starf-ish
   - B. sta-rfish
   - C. star-fish
   - D. starfi-sh

2. How should you divide the word afternoon into two words?
   - F. after-noon
   - G. aft-ernoon
   - H. afte-rnoon
   - I. aftern-oon

3. How should you divide the word popcorn into two words?
   - A. po-pcorn
   - B. pop-corn
   - C. popc-orn
   - D. p-opcorn

4. How should you divide the word sunshine into two words?
   - F. suns-hine
   - G. su-nshine
   - H. sunsh-ine
   - I. sun-shine

TOTAL SCORE: _____ /4
Focus Skill: Fact and Opinion

Read the passage. Then choose the best answer for each question.

The Best Season

Winter is the best season of the year! There is so much to do, especially if you live where it snows. Some places, like Marquette, Michigan, get more than 130 inches of snow each year. Think of all the things you can do with that much snow! You can go skiing or snowshoeing. You can build a snowman or ride a snowmobile. I think the best thing to do is to go sledding. Afterward, you can have hot chocolate!

Everyone should go to an ice hotel. There is one in Canada. Each year workers build a hotel entirely out of ice and snow! Even the furniture, artwork, and light fixtures are made of ice! The worst part is that it all goes away in early April. In April, the temperature rises and the ice melts. I hope I can stay in an ice hotel this winter!

1. Which of the following is an opinion from the first paragraph?
   - A) I think the best thing to do is to go sledding.
   - B) You can build a snowman or ride a snowmobile.
   - C) Afterward, you can have hot chocolate!
   - D) You can go skiing or snowshoeing.
2. How can you tell whether a sentence is a fact?
   
   F. It tells what the author thinks.
   
   G. It tells what the author believes is true.
   
   H. It can be seen or proved.
   
   I. It cannot be proved to be true or false.

3. Which is a statement of fact from the selection?
   
   A. Winter is the best season of the year!
   
   B. Some places, like Marquette, Michigan, get more than 130 inches of snow each year.
   
   C. I think the best thing to do is to go sledding.
   
   D. Everyone should go to an ice hotel.

4. Which is an opinion from the selection?
   
   F. There is an ice hotel in Canada.
   
   G. Each year, workers build a hotel entirely of ice and snow!
   
   H. The worst part is that it all goes away in early April.
   
   I. In April, the temperature rises and the ice melts.
Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each sentence. Then choose the best answer for each question.

1. Read this sentence.
   
   The bike is easy to repair.

   What is a synonym of the word repair?
   
   A) ride  
   B) fix  
   C) see  
   D) pedal

2. Read this sentence.

   The dog can fetch the paper.

   What is a synonym of the word fetch?
   
   F) tear  
   G) see  
   H) bring  
   I) chew

3. Read this sentence.

   That dog is huge!

   What is an antonym of the word huge?
   
   A) cute  
   B) large  
   C) tiny  
   D) trained
4. Read this sentence.

My brother and I sometimes argue.

What is an antonym of the word *argue*?

- F talk
- G agree
- H fight
- I play

5. Read this sentence.

Why are you weeping?

What is an antonym of the word *weeping*?

- A jogging
- B eating
- C sleeping
- D laughing
Robust Vocabulary

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

1. If you tell that story, you will _____ me.
   A. embarrass
   B. survive
   C. apply
   D. tutor

2. The doctor made her keep her foot _____ until it healed.
   F. independent
   G. dazed
   H. elevated
   I. talented

3. The team shirt was _____ by the end of the season.
   A. pleasant
   B. shabby
   C. disappointed
   D. certain

4. I was _____ by the bright lights.
   F. dazed
   G. elevated
   H. squirmed
   I. modeled

5. A famous soccer player is in the team’s _____.
   A. resources
   B. invention
   C. midst
   D. culture
6. What happens if the bridge _____?
   F collapses
   G concealed
   H resources
   I independent

7. Sometimes you can _____ a passage to locate information.
   A span
   B skim
   C embarrass
   D survive

8. The man made a large _____ to the animal shelter.
   F contribution
   G donated
   H midst
   I initiative

9. She took the _____ to start a food drive.
   A image
   B shabby
   C initiative
   D span

10. The workers built the bridge to _____ the river.
    F skim
    G survive
    H embarrass
    I span
Grammar: Simple and Compound Sentences

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Read this sentence.
   I wanted to play baseball, but we played soccer.

   Is this a compound sentence? Why?
   A. No. It has only one period.
   B. No. It has only one subject and one predicate.
   C. Yes. They are joined by a comma and a conjunction.
   D. Yes. It contains a compound subject.

2. Which of the following is a compound sentence?
   I like to draw, and my sister likes to sing.
   G. My sister is eight years old.
   H. Yesterday after school, I drew a picture.
   J. Jayna likes to sing and dance.

3. What is the correct way to join these two sentences?
   I wanted to hear the lion roar. He was sleeping.

   A. I wanted to hear the lion roar and he was sleeping.
   B. I wanted to hear the lion roar, but he was sleeping.
   C. The lion was sleeping but I wanted to hear him roar.
   D. The lion, I wanted to hear him roar but he was sleeping.

4. What is the correct way to join these two sentences?
   Matt went to the park. He met a new friend.

   F. At the new park, Matt met a friend when he went.
   G. He met a new friend, Matt did, at the park.
   H. Matt went to the park and he met a new friend.
   I. Matt went to the park, and he met a new friend.
Oral Reading Fluency

Have nurses ever held your wrist and told you to be quiet? If so, do you know what they were doing and why it was important?

You probably know that your heart pumps blood. Did you know that blood travels in tubes, called arteries, from your heart to all parts of your body? Some of these tiny tubes are in your wrist.

Each time your heart beats, it squeezes blood into your arteries. When this happens, the tubes bulge. The bulging is called your pulse. When nurses hold your wrist, they feel and count the bulges to find out how fast your heart is beating.

You can feel your pulse in other places, too. Put your index and middle fingers together, and then press them gently on your neck, just below your chin. Count the number of bulges, or beats, you feel in one minute. This count tells you your heart rate, or the number of times your heart beats in one minute. Your heart rate is lower when you are resting. Worrying or exercising can increase your heart rate.