Selection Comprehension

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Why is James worried about staying with Uncle Romie?
   A) Uncle Romie has a lot of rules.
   B) Uncle Romie does not like children.
   C) Uncle Romie does not want a visitor.
   D) Uncle Romie looks scary in his picture.

2. What is James’s BIGGEST problem in the story?
   F) He thinks his aunt will not like him.
   G) He is nervous about riding on a train.
   H) He thinks he may not have a good birthday.
   I) He worries about his new brother and sister.

3. What can readers tell about Aunt Nanette?
   A) She is bossy.
   B) She cares about others.
   C) She gets bored quickly.
   D) She likes to tease people.

4. Based on the story, how is life the SAME in Harlem and in North Carolina?
   F) People live in tall buildings.
   G) People shop only in fancy stores.
   H) People are friendly to each other.
   I) People cook on the rooftops.
5. What is one way Uncle Romie and James are ALIKE?
   A. Both like baseball.
   B. Both have an art show.
   C. Both have deep voices.
   D. Both live in New York.

6. Which is the BEST title for the birthday gift James makes for Uncle Romie?
   F. “Uncle Romie’s Favorite Things”
   G. “Uncle Romie’s Art Show”
   H. “New York Trains”
   I. “Beautiful Flowers”

7. Which sentence BEST tells a lesson James learns in the story?
   A. People everywhere have the same feelings.
   B. A problem should be solved quickly.
   C. Work should be done before play.
   D. People judge you by your friends.

8. How can readers tell “Me and Uncle Romie” is historical fiction?
   F. It has words that rhyme.
   G. It has events that could not happen.
   H. It tells characters where to be on a stage.
   I. It tells about real people and places in the past.
Written Response (worth two points)

9. How do James’s feelings about Uncle Romie change in the story? Use information and details from “Me and Uncle Romie” to support your answer.

Sample two-point response: At first, James is afraid of his uncle. Later, he learns that he has a lot in common with him, like eating pepper jelly, watching trains, and playing baseball. Then he loves his uncle and isn’t afraid of him.
Phonics/Spelling: Suffixes -er, -est, -ly, -ful

Read each sentence. Use the suffix to help choose the word that belongs in the sentence.

1. The ____ chair in the classroom belongs to the teacher.
   - A biggest
   - B bigger
   - Cigest
   - D bigful

2. Your pet bird seems ____ than mine.
   - E niceful
   - G nicest
   - H nicely
   - I nicer

3. I am ____ that I did well on our reading test.
   - A thanker
   - B thankest
   - C thankful
   - D thanky

   - F happyest
   - G happily
   - H happiest
   - I happily

TOTAL SCORE: _____ /4
Bess was an upset alligator. She was upset because her lake was dirty and filled with trash. This trash was making her friends who lived in the lake sick.

First, there was Kip and his family, a group of fish who were sick from swimming in the dirty water. Bess’s pal Gus, a frog, had been sneezing for weeks. Her snake friend Sal had been home sick for ages. And come to think of it, Bess was feeling a bit ill herself.

As Bess looked around the lake, she could see empty cans, bottles, and other kinds of trash. She decided that feeling upset wasn’t going to help Kip, Gus, or Sal. Cleaning the lake might help, though. She would start trying to make their home a cleaner place to live.

1. What is Bess’s problem?
   - She has been sneezing for weeks.
   - The lake is too crowded with animals.
   - Trash in the lake is making her friends sick.
   - She has nowhere to throw her trash.

2. How does Bess decide to solve her problem?
   - She decides to move to another lake.
   - She decides to take care of Kip and Gus.
   - She decides to become a doctor.
   - She decides to clean the lake.
3. What is the theme of the story?
   A. Friends spend time together.
   B. Recycling helps keep Earth clean.
   C. Solving problems is more helpful than being upset.
   D. Different kinds of animals live in lakes.

4. What does the author seem to believe about litter?
   F. The author believes that litter harms animals.
   G. The author believes that litter is unavoidable.
   H. The author believes that litter belongs in lakes.
   I. The author believes that litter affects snakes most.
Have you ever given a dog a bath? Giving a dog a bath can be fun, but it is also a big responsibility. Follow these directions to give your dog a bath.

First, collect all the materials you will need and place them next to the sink or tub. You will need a brush, pet shampoo, and clean towels. If you want to wash the dog’s face, you will need cotton balls and a washcloth.

Second, before you get the dog wet, test the temperature of the water. Make sure it isn’t too hot. Then, as you wash the dog, be careful not to get shampoo or water in the dog’s ears and eyes. You can put cotton balls in the dog’s ears to keep the water out. Just be sure to remember to remove them when you are done. Use the washcloth to clean around the dog’s face.

Next, make sure you rinse all of the shampoo from the dog’s coat. Finally, use a clean towel to dry the dog thoroughly and a brush to make the dog’s coat neat and smooth.

1. What is step one?
   A. Use a clean towel to dry the dog.
   B. Collect the materials you will need.
   C. Put cotton balls in the dog’s ears.
   D. Test the temperature of the water.
2. What is step two?
   F Rinse all of the shampoo out of the dog’s coat.
   G Brush the dog’s coat to make it smooth.
   H Test the temperature of the water.
   I Use a washcloth around the dog’s face.

3. Which of these is a time-order word?
   A follow
   B collect
   C next
   D learn

4. Which word lets you know that you are reading the last step?
   F second
   G next
   H first
   I finally
Robust Vocabulary

Choose the word that best completes each sentence.

1. I _____ the pudding when I dropped it on the floor.
   A) yanked
   B) glanced
   C) ruined
   D) scolded

2. The museum put the _____ in a glass case to protect it.
   F) memory
   G) masterpiece
   H) heritage
   I) burden

3. You should polish your medal because it looks _____.
   A) glorious
   B) drowsy
   C) dull
   D) commendable

4. My brother is so much taller than I that he _____ over me.
   F) ruined
   G) embraces
   H) disguises
   I) towers

5. The trip we took last year stands out in my _____.
   A) memory
   B) racket
   C) dilemma
   D) burden
6. The sunset over the ocean was a _____ sight.
   - dull
   - commendable
   - glorious
   - drowsy

7. The cat _____ silently behind the mouse.
   - disguised
   - crept
   - cunning
   - roost

8. It hurt when you accidentally _____ my hair.
   - yanked
   - ruined
   - crept
   - consolled

9. My family scrapbook teaches me about my _____.
   - burden
   - heritage
   - masterpiece
   - memory

10. I saw the lightning _____ across the sky.
   - streak
   - scold
   - towers
   - glance
Grammar: Articles

Read each sentence. Choose the article in each sentence.

1. I watched butterflies fly around the garden.
   A. I
   B. watched
   C. fly
   D. the

2. I gave my brother a copy of his favorite book for his birthday.
   F. my
   G. a
   H. of
   I. his

3. I took an apple to my teacher last Tuesday.
   A. I
   B. an
   C. to
   D. last

4. My teacher asked me to get a pencil from my bag.
   F. asked
   G. me
   H. to
   I. a
Gus loved being a clown in the circus. He enjoyed making children laugh. No one could make a better balloon animal than Gus. Even though he loved his job, Gus was looking forward to his vacation. He decided to go to an amusement park on his first day off because he loved riding roller coasters.

Gus woke up early so that he could try his favorite rides before the lines became too long. At first, he was very sleepy. But, as he entered the park gates, all the sights and sounds of the amusement park woke him up.

Gus had a great time all day, yet he was puzzled by the way some people acted. Children kept coming up to him to ask for balloons. Could they somehow guess that he was a clown, even though he was on vacation?

When he got home, Gus looked in a mirror for the first time all day. He saw that he had gone to the park dressed in his clown costume! His sleepiness that morning must have caused him to put it on by accident!