



International School of Monterrey

Elementary School Trimester 3 Final Exam

6th Grade Reading

Name: _____ Date: _____ List #: ___-___

I. DIRECTIONS: Mark the sentences T if true or F if false. (4 pts.)

1. ___ Captain Nemo traveled in a submarine called *The Blue Whale*.
2. ___ Verne's publisher shot him in the shin.
3. ___ The characters in *Around the World in 80 Days* traveled in hot-air balloon.
4. ___ Verne wrote seventy books about space travel.

II. DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage about Jules Verne and then number the events in order. (6 pts.)

In 1870, Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* was published. It was the story of Captain Nemo and his submarine, The Nautilus.

Verne's novels gained popularity all over the world. In 1873, *Around the World in 80 Days* was published. Believe it or not, it was actually based on a true story.

Verne published a book a year for over forty years.

Verne's later years were difficult. His nephew, Gaston, shot him in the shin. A week later, Hertzell, Verne's publisher and best friend died. And a year after that, his mother died.

Despite tragic events, Verne continued to write and travel until his final days. In 1905, Verne died at his home from a diabetes-related illness.

Verne wrote over seventy books. He predicted the submarine and space travel. His writings have inspired people for over a century. He is known as the "Father of Science Fiction."

5. ___ Verne's nephew, Gaston, shoots Verne in the shin.
6. ___ Around the World in 80 Days is published.
7. ___ Verne's mother dies.
8. ___ Verne dies from a diabetes-related illness.
9. ___ Verne's publisher, Hertzell, dies.
10. ___ Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea is published.

III. DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage and answer the questions. (7 pts.)

Cricket—how I **detested** this game when I was young! My family would spend hours and hours watching it on television while I angrily waited for it to end. Every game seemed the same. Yes, one team won and the other one lost, but it was always the same game—some men pitching a ball, some running back and forth.

Then something happened. I became old enough to start playing cricket myself with the other kids in my neighborhood. We found a place to play wherever we could put up a wicket. We played on the street, in the backyard—even on the tops of buildings, believe it or not!

I can recall so clearly the sounds of the ball hitting the bat and the quick running feet. I can still feel the sun on my face as I played and the bruises and scratches from falling down. I can still see the blue sky fading to darkness behind the buildings as our games continued into the night. It became my favorite thing in the world. Now I watch it not with anger, but with **fond** memories of the endless days and nights spent playing the game.

- _____ 11. What title best summarizes the main idea of the passage?
- A) Cricket: A Game for All Ages.
 - B) How I Learned to Love Cricket.
 - C) The Dangers of Playing Cricket.
 - D) Learning the Rules of a Difficult Game.
- _____ 12. In line 1, the word **detested** is closest in meaning to _____.
A) hated
B) played
C) wanted
D) watched
- _____ 13. What best describes the author's attitude toward cricket when he was very young?
A) It was boring to watch.
B) It was difficult to learn.
C) It was fun to talk about.
D) It was dangerous to play.
- _____ 14. According to the author, what was surprising about some of the cricket games he played?
A) They were played without bats.
B) They were played on rooftops.
C) No one cared who won them.
D) No one got hurt playing them

- ____ 15. The author describes memories of all of the following EXCEPT
A) how the sun felt on his skin.
B) how the ball sounded hitting the bat.
C) how the sky turned from light to dark.
D) how the rules of the game caused arguments.
- ____ 16. What change does the author describe?
A) He could not remember the rules of cricket at first, but then he decided it did not matter.
B) He was afraid of getting hurt playing cricket at first, but then he stopped being afraid.
C) He did not like cricket at first, but then he began to enjoy it.
D) He liked playing cricket at first, but then he grew tired of it.
- ____ 17. In line 13, the word **fond** is closest in meaning to
A) old.
B) cruel.
C) happy.
D) interesting.

IV. DIRECTIONS: Complete the sentences with a word from the box: (5 pts.)

Sloths	abroad	logbook	widow	isolated
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18. Around two thousand _____ indigenous people live in the Brazilian Amazon.
19. A ship's _____ contains information about its journey.
20. _____ are animals that live in trees and move really slowly.
21. Warsaw University was only for men, so women often had to study _____.
22. A woman whose husband has died is a _____.

V. DIRECTIONS: Read and answer the questions. (5 pts.)

Marina Hills High School is fighting pollution in an unusual way. It's planting trees!

In an effort to fight pollution and help the environment, the Marina Hills Ecology Club offers free trees to institutions willing to plant them on their grounds. Among those that took advantage of the offer was Marina Hills High School. After consulting with his teachers on where to plant the trees, Principal Max Webb contacted the Ecology Club.

But when the **seedlings** arrived, Webb had an idea. Instead of planting the young trees in front of the school, he thought it would be better to put them behind the school, where the sun gets very hot in the afternoon.

"It gets so hot inside the building that the students start to sweat during their afternoon classes," said Webb. "Now the shade from our trees will bring them some relief."

"There was no argument from the teachers," he added. "When I proposed the idea, everyone said, 'Now why didn't I think of that!'"

The relief won't come until the trees grow taller, but the school will not have to wait long because it requested two species of trees that grow quickly.

"Time is key, and we wanted our trees to get big fast," said Webb. "We were given a wide choice, from shrubs to fruit trees. We requested eucalyptus and willow trees."

Webb said he is also looking forward to finally seeing some wildlife in the school yard at Marina Hills High School. "If all you have is a grass lawn with no trees, you can't expect the local birds to come and visit," said Webb. "They have no place to make their nests. Now that will change, and we'll be able to see birds from our classroom windows."

23. What would be the most appropriate headline for this article?

- A) Local School Gets Greener
- B) Student Wins Science Award
- C) Principal Discovers New Tree
- D) Teacher Leads Ecological Club

24. What problem does Principal Webb talk about?

25. What did the Ecology Club do for Marina Hills High School?

- A) It helped design the school yard.
- B) It put flowers in the classrooms.
- C) It sold seeds to the school.
- D) It provided free trees.

26. The word **seedlings** is closest in meaning to _____.

- A) bird nests
- B) young trees
- C) packages of seeds
- D) members of a club

27. What decision was changed?
