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11th Grade Grammar – 2nd quarter - 2nd Semester – Final Exam

Part 1: Free writing

Directions: Write an **8 compound** sentence paragraph about the picture below **using these 8** trouble words: **should, did, take, came, gave, look, made, & was;** and these **8** transitional words and phrases: **and, but, however, as a matter of fact, additionally, not to mention, because, & so**. You may choose any topic but your paragraph **must be about this image and it must make sense!**

Image Not Mine

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Part 2: Read and Answer
Directions: Read the following report and answer the questions.

A strong tree survives

Being alone for some people can be stressful and unenjoyable, while others are perfectly happy. Online classes are required for now and we are separated from friends and even family. Imagine if the way we are living right now is the way it will be from now on. In class there are rules you must follow, as you all know but when you are learning at home you can chew gum or eat and drink, talk on the phone, watch your favorite show on TV or listen to your favorite music on the radio. You can get up and walk away, (go to the bathroom), when ever you want, and many other things, and no one will stop you. There is some difficulty in staying focused, especially when your family can interrupt you at anytime. It is easy to be tempted to put your homework down and, 'do it later.

- It is time to blossom -

Now is the time to try. Like the cactus in the desert that doesn't receive much water, you may feel dry inside and want to do more than you're doing, and many of you want to be more than you have ever been. Don't get me wrong, I love the desert. I think the desert can be great, but you probably should not stay too long. So if you have to do your lessons online, then do them online, but don't forget there is so much more! You could take the time to explore your world. Did you ever learn anything about the world around you? Here is a couple of examples to help you get started. When Pluto was down-graded to a dwarf planet it joined six other dwarf planets in our solar system; that's right we have six and possibly seven more planets in our solar system! Have you ever wondered about the effects of genetically modified organisms, (more commonly known as GMO's), on your health and what it does to our soil? Can you think of a way to explain why every person on earth has a unique iris? Do you know why a rainbow is formed? Millions of people are finding the answers to these questions and others, online. It is a community of seekers who want to grow in understanding about the world around them and blossom, to better themselves. It is people like you and like me. If you ever want to visit another country, like the US, you need to know about their culture it's true, but how they speak and express themselves is probably the most important thing you need to know. There is tons of information about that.

- There is beauty in the hot and dry desert -

Sometimes things will be hard and we feel like stopping. That is normal and we just have to accept that but there are reasons why things happen that sometimes take many years to understand. We just have to keep going. It helps to have a goal. Many parents want their children to have every opportunity to do great. One example is sending you to a bilingual school. If you apply yourself you will help your parents realize their goal and at the same time reach your own goal; which is to speak English fluently. It won't happen over night but if you don't give up and keep trying hard each day, YOU WILL SUCCEED! That is the beauty of our sometimes dry lives! Always trying to improve ourselves puts us on a higher level and helps us to become the leaders in society so we can bloom into a flower in the desert.

1. Referring to the title of the second paragraph; what do you think the author means by, "time to blossom"?

2. Name 5 things listed in this article that you can do at home in class, that you can't do while in school.

3. Write 3 more things not mentioned in this article that you can do at home in class, that you can't do while in school.

4. What is one way your parents are giving you an opportunity to do great?

5. What are 2 things that occur when we apply ourselves and always try to improve?

6. According to this article things will be difficult sometimes and we may feel like… (Put an **X** in the correct space.)

___ a. laughing in the face of troubles ___ b. giving away everything ___ c. b & d are correct

___ d. taking a deep breath & keep going ___ e. giving up and stopping ___ f. b & e are correct

7. ___ True or ___ False: Only a few people find answers to the questions they have. (Put an **X** in the correct space.)

8. ___ True or ___ False: How people speak and dress themselves is very important when visiting another country.

9. According to this article you will succeed if you do what?

10. ___ True or ___ False: Trying to improve ourselves helps us become just like everyone else.

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