International School of Monterrey

Junior High School **7th Grade**
Trimester 1 Final Exam **Literature**

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I. DIRECTIONS: Read each question and write your answer in the blank. (2 pts.)

"The Open Window."

1. _____ At the beginning of the story, there is a dialogue from Framton's sister. Which of these is true about that dialogue?

   A) It gives a clue about how the story will end.

   B) It shows how Framton feels about his sister.

   C) It gives a clue that the sister will be part of Vera's tale.

   D) It shows that Framton is not comfortable around strangers.

2. _____ Vera's tale causes Framton to

   A) fear dogs.

   B) feel better.

   C) leave suddenly.

   D) write to his sister.

II. DIRECTIONS: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Refer to the text to check your answers when appropriate. (10 pts.)

Garbage

Garbage cans are not magical portals. Trash does not disappear when you toss it in a can. Yet, the average American throws away an estimated 1,600 pounds of waste each year. If there are no magic garbage fairies, where does all that trash go? There are four methods to managing waste: recycling, landfilling, composting, and incinerating. Each method has its strengths and weaknesses. Let's take a quick look at each.

Recycling is the process of turning waste into new materials. For example, used paper can be turned into paperboard, which can be used to make book covers. Recycling can reduce pollution, save materials, and lower energy use. Yet, some argue that recycling wastes energy. They believe that collecting, processing, and converting waste uses more energy than it saves. Still, most people agree that recycling is better for the planet than landfilling.

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Landfilling is the oldest method of managing waste. In its simplest form, landfilling is when people bury garbage in a hole. Over time the practice of landfilling has advanced. Garbage is *compacted* before it is thrown into the hole. In this way more garbage can fit in each landfill. Large liners are placed in the bottom of landfills so that toxic garbage juice doesn't get into the ground water. Sadly, these liners don't always work. Landfills may pollute the local water supply. Not to mention that all of that garbage stinks. Nobody wants to live next to a landfill. This makes it hard to find new locations for landfills.

As landfill space increases, interest in composting grows. Compositing is when people pile up organic matter, such as food waste, and allow it to decompose. The product of this decomposition is compost. Compost can be added to the soil to make the soil richer and better for growing crops. While composting is easy to do onsite somewhere, like home or school, it's hard to do after the garbage gets all mixed up. This is because plastic and other inorganic materials must be removed from the compost pile or they will pollute the soil. There's a lot of plastic in garbage, which makes it hard to compost on a large scale.

One thing that is easier to do is burning garbage. There are two main ways to incinerate waste. The first is to create or harvest a fuel from the waste, such as methane gas, and burn the fuel. The second is to burn the waste directly. The heat from the incineration process can boil water, which can power steam generators. Unfortunately, burning garbage pollutes the air. Also, some critics worry that incinerators destroy valuable resources that could be recycled.

Usually, the community in which you live manages waste. Once you put your garbage in that can, what happens to it is beyond your control. But you can make choices while it is still in your possession. You can choose to recycle, you can choose to compost, or you can choose to let someone else deal with it. The choice is yours.

3. _____ Which best explains why the author begins the text by talking about magical garbage fairies?
   A. He is putting a common misconception to rest.
   B. He is trying to get the reader's attention.
   C. He is addressing his concern in a serious way.
   D. He is supporting his argument with evidence.

4. _____ Which best defines the meaning of *incineration* as it is used in the text?
   A. To bury waste materials in a large hole.
   B. To allow waste products to decompose and become fertilizer.
   C. To burn waste materials and harvest the energy.
   D. To turn waste materials into products like book covers.

Continue to the next question.

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5. _____ Which was **not** cited in the third paragraph as an issue with landfilling?
   A. Landfills are smelly.
   B. Usable materials are wasted in landfills.
   C. Landfills may pollute the water supply.
   D. It is difficult to find locations for landfills.

6. _____ Which conclusion could best be supported with text from the passage?
   A. Each method of waste management has its drawbacks.
   B. Recycling is without a doubt the best way to handle waste.
   C. Incineration is the best way to process waste.
   D. All large cities should create massive compost piles.

7. Which best expresses the main idea of the fourth paragraph?

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8. _____ Which best expresses the meaning of the word *compacted* as it is used in the third paragraph?
   A. Garbage is burned before it is thrown in a hole.
   B. Garbage is put in trucks before it is thrown in a hole.
   C. Garbage is crushed smaller before it is thrown in a hole.
   D. Garbage is put in a can before it is thrown in a hole.

9. Which best expresses the author's main purpose in writing this?

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10. _____ Which is **not** included in this text?
    A. A description of how trash is collected.
    B. A description of the uses of compost.
    C. A description of the two methods of incinerating trash.
    D. A description of how landfills have advanced over time.

11. _____ Which best explains why composting is not feasible on a large scale?
    A. People wouldn't want to touch all of that gross rotting food.
    B. It would smell too bad in densely populated cities.
    C. It would attract rodents that would spread disease.
    D. Plastic would get into the compost and turn it into a pollutant.

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12. _____ Which title best expresses the main idea of this text?
    A. *The Magic of Recycling: Bringing Back What Was Once Lost.*
    B. *Methods of Waste Management: Pros and Cons.*
    C. *Recycling, Landfilling, or Composting: Which is Best For You?*
    D. *Do Your Part: How to Save the Earth by Recycling and Composting.*

III. DIRECTIONS: Read and follow the instructions. (3 pts.)

13. Which two methods of waste management do you believe are best for society? Support your argument with text.

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14. Which two methods of waste management do you believe are worst for society? Refer to the text in your argument.

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15. Summarize the article. Be sure to cover the pros and cons of the four methods of waste management.

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IV. DIRECTIONS: Read the composition. It contains errors. Then read each question and choose the best answer. (4 pts.)

Yard Work

(1) I've always hated working in the yard. **(2)** Don't get me wrong, I love to sit out in the sun and read. **(3)** I even like to watch the grass grow. **(4)** Just don't ask me to cut it. **(5)** I hate the sound of lawnmowers. **(6)** The grass makes me sneeze, to. **(7)** I have allergies to a lot of things.

(8) My stepdad loves to cut the grass. **(9)** More than that, he loves to make me do it.

(10) "Tyson," he booms, as he pounds on my bedroom door. **(11)** "Time to get up and cut the grass."

(12) I rubbing my eyes and groan.

(13) "If you're not out here in ten minutes, I'll tell Mrs. Wilson you're going over to cut her grass after you do ours."

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(14) Old Mrs. Wilson has a huge yard with high grass that never gets cut. **(15)** Whenever I hear her name I leap out of bed. **(16)** Within minutes I am outside, yanking the cord on the lawnmower. **(17)** Some days I have to walk to the chevron station to get more gas.

(18) "Why do I have to do this?" I ask him.

(19) "It builds character. **(20)** You can't just lie in bed all day," he answers.

(21) As I push the lawnmower around in a circle, I think about how I will live in an apartment. **(22)** That way, I won't ever have to cut the grass.

(23) When I finish, I put the lawnmower back in the shed. **(24)** My friend Michael comes over, and he toss the football around on the lawn. **(25)** The cut grass is cool on our bare feet. **(26)** My stepdad comes over. **(27)** Michael throws the ball to him.

(28) "What are you boys doing tonight?", he asks us.

(29) "Nothing. Probably watch TV," Michael says.

(30) "Don't you know any girls you cans take to the movies?"

(31) "We don't have the money for that," I say.

(32) "I bet Mrs. Wilson would give you each ten bucks if you did a nice job on her lawn," says my stepdad as he passes me the ball. **(33)** "Just put the mower back when you finish."

(34) Next thing we know, Michael and I am pushing the mower up the street.

16. In sentence 12 the word rubbing should be changed to _____
    A. rub.
    B. rubs.
    C. rubes.
    D. No change.
17. In sentence 16, the word I should be changed to _____
    A. he.
    B. she.
    C. they.
    D. No change.

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18. What change, if any, should be made to sentence 17? _____

A. Change ***to walk*** to **two walk.**

B. Change ***chevron*** to **Chevron.**

C. Change the period to a comma.

D. No change.

19. In sentence 28, the word <u>are</u> should be changed to _____

A. Is.

B. May.

C. Might.

D. No change.

V. DIRECTIONS: Read each question and choose the best answer. (5 pts.)

20. Read the sentence.

> The teacher set up a <u>conference</u> with the parents of each student in her class.

Based on context clues, the word <u>conference</u> means _____

A. class.

B. parents.

C. meeting.

D. teacher.

21. Read the sentences.

> A <u>fable</u> that teaches a lesson, often has animals as main characters. "The Lion and the Mouse" is a good example of a fable.

Based on context clues, the word <u>fable</u> means _____

A. animals.

B. a short tale.

C. main characters.

D. a good example.

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22. Read the sentences.

> The parade had just begun when the storm hit. As the rain poured down, people fled like they were in a race to find shelter.

Based on context clues, the word fled means _____

A. hid.

B. ran.

C. stood.

D. marched.

23. Read the sentence.

> My sister is really outgoing and loves to talk to people, but I am timid.

Based on context clues, timid means _____

A. shy.

B. exciting.

C. sad.

D. talkative.

24. Read the sentence.

> Speaking rudely to the judges was rash behavior. You really hurt your chances of winning!

Based on context clues, the word rash means _____

A. an itchy skin condition

B. funny

C. trying to hide or disguise a piece of cheese

D. with little thought or consideration

VI. DIRECTIONS: Read the question. Write your answer. (1 pt.)

25. Read the text.

In 1968, Shirley Chisholm became the first African American woman elected to the U.S. Congress. Not long after that achievement, she made history again. Chisholm, a Democrat, ran for president in 1972, becoming the first woman *and* the first African American to run for the nomination of a major political party. After losing the nomination to George McGovern, Chisholm went on to serve five more terms in the House of Representatives. She left Congress in 1983 and went on to teach politics at Mount Holyoke College from 1983 to 1987. Shirley Chisholm died in 2005 at the age of eighty.

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Which author's purpose is suggested by the text?

- to introduce readers to Shirley Chisholm's political career
- to describe the challenges Shirley Chisholm faced as a candidate for president

26. Read the passage.

Naming Pluto

When "Planet X" was discovered in 1930, astronomers began debating what to call it. An eleven-year-old girl named Venetia Burney suggested the name "Pluto" to her grandfather, who passed the idea along to a friend who was a professor of astronomy. The professor, in turn, immediately forwarded the suggestion to scientists at the Lowell Observatory, where the planet had been discovered. The astronomers appreciated the fact that Pluto was the ancient Romans' name for the god of the underworld, making it a fitting moniker for such a cold and distant celestial body. In addition, its first two letters matched the initials of Percival Lowell, the astronomer who first proposed the existence of Planet X. The matter was eventually put to a vote, with Pluto the hands-down winner.

What is the main idea of the passage?

- After an eleven-year-old girl suggested "Pluto," astronomers chose it as the name of a newly discovered planet.
- Pluto is a good name for a cold, distant planet because it is the name of the Roman god of the underworld.

27. Read the passage.

Human Activity and Earthquakes

When Americans think of earthquakes, they tend to think of California, a state known for its frequent seismic activity. In recent years, however, people in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas have been feeling the ground shake more often. An increase in oil and gas drilling in these states has led to "human-induced" earthquakes—those resulting from human activity. When wastewater is disposed of during gas and oil drilling, the water is forced deep underground. The resulting buildup of pressure can cause fault lines (cracks in the earth's crust) to shift. According to Mark Petersen, head of the U.S. Geological Survey's earthquake hazard mapping project, "In the past five years, the USGS has documented high shaking and damage in areas of these six states, mostly from induced earthquakes."

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What is the main idea of the passage?

Residents of six U.S. states have experienced an increase in earthquake activity in recent years.

An increase in oil and gas drilling has caused a corresponding increase in earthquakes in six states.

28. Which sentence is more formal?

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29. Which sentence is more formal?

The president and prime minister discussed new trade regulations and announced that they were in agreement.

The president and prime minister discussed new trade regulations and announced that they were on the same page.

30. Read the text.

I become aware for the first time today of the immense silence in which I am lost. Not a silence so much as a stillness—for there are a few sounds: the creak of some bird in a juniper tree, an eddy of wind which passes and fades like a sigh, the ticking of the watch on my wrist—slight noises which . . . exaggerate my sense of the surrounding, overwhelming peace. . . . If I look at the small device strapped to my wrist the numbers, even the sweeping second hand, seem meaningless, almost ridiculous. No travelers, no campers, no wanderers have come to this part of the desert today and for a few moments I feel and realize that I am very much alone.

From Edward Abbey, Desert Solitaire. Copyright 1968 by Edward Abbey

Which author's purpose is suggested by the text?

to describe how it feels to be in a desert wilderness

to convince readers that the desert is a beautiful place

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