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Hugh W. Campbell Primary School
Grade 3
Reading Comprehension Quiz #4:
Main Idea & Details

A. Read the following sentences. Circle the word or phrase that best complete each sentence. (2pts)

1. The main idea of a story tells _____.

a. the title of the story

b. the charcter

c. ideas from the story

d. what the story is all about

2. The main idea of a story is supported by _____.

a. pictures **b. details** **c. key words** **d. authors**

B. Read the following story carefully. Answer the questions.

Elephant Care

Zoo elephants get very good care. Each morning zookeepers give them a special bath. They wash the elephants with water and a brush. Then they paint oil on their skin and rub oil on their feet. This is very important in elephant care. It helps the elephants stay healthy.

1. What is this story mainly about? (1pt)

a. why zookeepers have happy lives

b. who paints oil on the elephants

c. how zookeepers give elephants special care

d. how much elephants eat

2. Which of the following is not a detail from this story? (1pt)

a. Elephants eat lots of peanuts

b. Elephants are rubbed with oil

c. Elephants get special baths at the zoo.

d. Elephants are washed using water.

3. Name two items a zookeeper would need to bathe an elephant. (2pts)

4. Why do elephants need a special bath at the zoo? (2pts)

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C. Read the following story carefully. Answer the questions.

Some animals use whatever they can find to make their homes. Snails and hermit crabs make their homes out of seashells. When a hermit crab gets too big for its home, it just finds a larger shell. Beavers make their homes underwater. They use logs, sticks and mud to build a lodge. Ants build their homes by digging in the dirt. They make tunnels and build their nest under the ground.

1. Write a sentence from the story that tells the main idea. (1pt)

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2. Where do beavers make their homes? (1pt)

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3. Name two animals mentioned in the story. (2pts)

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4. Why does a hermit crab move into bigger shells? (2pts)

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5. What is the best title for the story? (1pt)

a. "Underground Homes"

b. "Living Under the Water"

c. "How to Build Animal Homes"

d. "Animal Home"

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