

Question 1-3 are about the following newspaper article.



1 Students across the country were disappointed and angry to learn that all eighth-grade students must now take a standardized test. A government official said the test will be used to see if children are ready for the challenges of high school, such as the bigger workloads and more difficult class topics. He also mentioned that any student who fails the test cannot
5 move onto the next grade.

Mr. Richards, the Briscoe Middle School principal, was quoted saying, "There will be a big problem if too many students fail." When asked why, Mr. Richards explained that there will not be enough class space for new eighth-grade students if too many old eighth-graders are held back. Briscoe Middle School does not have the space for extra students.

10 The test will be given to all eighth-graders this coming May. It will be a three-hour test that focuses on math, science, history, reading, and writing. Teachers and students are concerned that the test was written for too many students at too many different schools. With each school having a different curriculum, some schools may have an advantage.

Write the English words with this meaning

được chuẩn hóa (adj)		tập trung vào (v)	
khối lượng bài (n)		lo lắng (adj)	
giải thích (v)		chương trình học (n)	

1. What would be the best headline for this article?

- (A) Students Fail New Test
- (B) Official Explains New Test
- (C) New Test Unwelcome in Schools
- (D) Test to Judge Middle School Readiness

2. In line 1, the word disappointed is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) delighted
- (B) satisfied
- (C) saddened
- (D) overjoyed

3. The phrase held back in the passage is closest in meaning to _____.

- (A) passed
- (B) hugged
- (C) stopped
- (D) kicked out

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Every year, on the 1st of November, my mother asks me what I want for Christmas. This year I told her, "I want the new Rendla video game." *Rendla, The Adventure Through Time* was the game of the year. Everyone wanted it. I waited patiently for Christmas to arrive.

Bright and early Christmas morning I went straight to the tree to open all my presents. I opened everything but my video game was not there. I was really sad. It was the only thing I really wanted.

10 I tried to put on a brave face and thank my family for all my other great presents, but they knew I was disappointed. I thought I was going to cry. I ran up to my room so no one would see the tears in my eyes.

To my surprise, there was a gift sitting on my bed. I tore the wrapping paper off the tiny box. It was Rendla! I ran back downstairs and hugged my mom. I was the happiest boy in
15 the world.

Question

4. What is the main idea of this story?

- (A) A boy wanting to get a video game
- (B) A popular video game sold in stores
- (C) A boy receiving a game he didn't want
- (D) A Christmas dinner with a large family

5. In line 10, the phrase put on a brave face is closest in meaning to _____.

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| (A) look sad | (B) tell lies |
| (C) pretend to be satisfied | (D) be frustrated with parents |

6. In line 13, the word tore is closest in meaning to _____.

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| (A) joined | (B) ripped |
| (C) applied | (D) wrapped |