International School of Monterrey

Junior High School
Trimester 2

9th Grade
Literature

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***Edge* Level C Unit 5 Cluster 1**
"Say It with Flowers"

____1. Read the sentences from the short story.
In the morning we were all at the shop early…. Teruo was there early. "Hello," he greeted us cheerfully, as we came in. He was unusually high-spirited, and I couldn't account for it. He was there before us and had already filled out the eight o'clock package for me.
Teruo had many reasons to cheerfully come to work early EXCEPT
A. He knew it was payday and he wanted the wages he had earned.
B. He had decided to be true to his beliefs when selling flowers.
C. He knew it would be his last day working at the Morning Glory Flower Shop.
D. He enjoyed doing special things for his customers.

____2. In order to make the flower arrangements look as pretty as possible, various pieces of greenery was added to them EXCEPT
F. Brake fern G. Belmont H. Maidenhair I. Asparagus fern

____3. Which is NOT one of the ways that the clerks in the Morning Glory Flower Shop told their customers that the flowers were fresh?
A. "Our flowers are always fresh, madam."
B. "You bet they are! Just came in a little while ago from the market."
C. "These flowers'll keep good."
D. "Maybe you can call them old at the wholesale market, but they're not old in a flower shop."

____4. Read the sentences from the short story.
In the ensuing weeks we watched Teruo develop into a slick salesclerk, but for one thing. If a customer forgot to ask about the condition of the flowers, Teruo did splendidly. But if someone should mention about the freshness of the flowers, he wilted right in front to the customer's eyes.
Which word is most opposite in meaning to *slick* as it is used in the sentence above?
F. smooth-spoken
G. amateurish
H. skillful
I. sharp

____5. Read the sentences from the short story.
Then one early morning the inevitable happened. While Teruo was selling the fresh flowers in the back to a customer, Mr. Sasaki came in quietly and watched the transaction.
Which word is most similar in meaning to *inevitable* as it is used in the sentence above?
A. unalterable B. avoidable C. preventable D. escapable

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***Edge* Level C Unit 4 Cluster 2**
"Breaking the Ice"

____6. The author, Dave Barry, is an adult writing to respond to a question from a teenager. What phrase of Mr. Barry's let's the reader know he is an adult?
F. "So the first rule of dating is: Never risk direct contact with the girl in question."
G. "…would LOVE to go out with you. But YOU have to make the first move."
H. "So it was definitely a fun first date, featuring all the relaxed spontaneity of a real-estate closing…"
I. "The most sensible way to ask a girl out is to walk directly up to her on foot …"

____7. Read the sentences from the humor column.
If it had been legal, I think she would have got out and sprinted alongside the car, steering through the window. Judy and I, sitting in the back seat about seventy-five feet apart, were also silent unable to communicate without the assistance of Phil, Nancy, and Sandy.
What type of literary device does the author use in these sentences?
A. metaphor, by comparing his inability to make conversation to the need to have several friends in the car with him
B. hyperbole, exaggerating the width of the back seat of a car
C. pun, by saying that his mother (she) is sprinting while steering
D. symbolism, representing his mother as a sprinter in order to get her out of the vehicle

____8. Both "They Speak Success" and "Breaking the Ice" are alike in many ways EXCEPT
F. Both authors use humor as a technique to engage and maintain the interest of the reader.
G. The selections address the concept that to succeed, the reader needs self-confidence.
H. The authors feel that some people are afraid of speaking to others whether individually or in a group.
I. Both articles use personal experiences to relate the authors' concepts to the reader.

____9. Dave Barry, the author of "Breaking the Ice" is a columnist. Which statement below is NOT a quotation from Dave Barry?
A. "Eugene is located in western Oregon, approximately 278 billion miles from anything."
B. "The greatest discovery of all time is that a person can change his future by merely changing his attitude."
C. "I have been a gigantic Rolling Stones fan since approximately the Spanish-American War."
D. "To an adolescent, there is nothing in the world more embarrassing than a parent."

____10. Read the sentences from the column.
My mother was driving. This made for an extremely quiet drive, because my mother, realizing that her presence was hideously embarrassing, had to pretend she wasn't there.
What does the word *hideously* mean as used in the sentence above?
F. the state or condition of being in a place at a certain time
G. to make uncomfortable or ill at ease
H. in a very unpleasant way
I. in a nice or engaging manner

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