International School of Monterrey

Reading Comprehension

___th Grade
Trimester ___

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***Edge* Level A Unit 4 Cluster 1**

"Enabling or Disabling"

_____ 1. Read these sentences from the text.

Jerry gave her a big hug and called her his chief helper. Another description would also fit: his chief enabler. If that sounds like a compliment, it's not.

Which word is most similar in meaning to *compliment*?

A. criticism
B. tribute
C. slander
D. insult

_____ 2. Read these sentences from the text.

What's in all this for the enabler? For one thing, it ensures that the other person will stay emotionally dependent on the enabler.

Which word is most opposite in meaning to *ensures*?

A. cinches
B. guarantees
C. enforces
D. neglects

_____ 3. What was the author's purpose in selecting the title of "Enabling or Disabling?"

A. the words are opposite in meaning; the title talks about helping or hurting relationships
B. the words are similar in meaning; the title talks about damaging or sabotaging reputations
C. the words come from the same root word; both have the same ending
D. the words sound alike; therefore, the title is more memorable to the reader, these words were selected for their meanings, not for their sounds.

_____ 4. If this informational text were published in a newspaper, which would be the best headline for the article?

A. "Are We Helping or Harming Our Loved Ones?"
B. "Who is Best Able to Provide Assistance?"
C. "Family and Friends to the Rescue"
D. "Just One More Excuse"

_____ 5. Read the chart on page 278.

Which description wouldn't be added to the chart because it does NOT describe the behavior of an enabler?

A. Avoiding and shielding—any behavior to cover up, or prevent the abuser, from experiencing the full impact or harmful consequences his/her actions.
B. Rescuing and accepting—any behavior that overprotects the abuser.
C. Helping and assisting—any action that results in always doing things for the abuser that he/she is unable or unwilling to do.
D. Excusing and forgiving—any action that provides an excuse for the abuser's behavior even when the behavior hurts or inconveniences someone.

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"This I Believe"

_____ 6. After reading "Enabling or Disabling?" by Sandra Arbetter and "This I Believe" by Isabel Allende, which statement could most likely NOT be added to "Enabling or Disabling"?

A. The enabler does something for someone else that they can and should be doing for themselves, while the helper is doing something for someone else that they are unable to do for themselves.
B. Enablers believe they are acting out of love for the other person; however, they are actually making a chronic problem/addiction worse.
C. Helping others who are in need of help means that you don't have to give people money, but you can give something as simple as your time to listen to their problems and cheer them up.
D. Parents enable irresponsible or obnoxious behaviors/actions of their child because they believe that if the child is seen as being a "good" child that means that the parents are seen as being "good" parents.

_____ 7. Which person described below has beliefs and actions most like Isabel Allende?

A. a Red Cross volunteer who uses takes a leave-of-absence from her job, uses her own funds to buy an airplane ticket, and stays in a tent while helping earthquake survivors in Haiti
B. someone who watches a telethon where movie stars and singers entertain, then writes a check to help their cause, and mails it to a relief agency
C. someone who uses their own funds to buy a ticket to a big city in a foreign country, stays in a hotel, shops for and buys locally made shoes and clothing
D. a homeowner who is redecorating by buying new furniture and donating their old furniture to the Goodwill and the Salvation Army

_____ 8. Based on information in the essay, which adjective would NOT be applied to Isabel Allende?

A. generous
B. self-centered
C. charitable
D. unselfish

_____ 9. Which phrase best describes Isabel Allende?

A. paralyzed and silent of voice
B. living a life with passion
C. eyes that are somber pools
D. lifelong caregiver of ill relatives

_____ 10. Isabel created a philanthropic foundation. The Isabel Allende Foundation is guided by a vision of a world in which women have achieved social and economic justice. It helps women and girls in Chile and the San Francisco area to be empowered and protected through projects in education, health and the literary arts. Based on the information in this essay, why was this foundation established?

A. Isabel makes so much money as an author, and she has no children to support.
B. Paula was volunteering to help women and children when she got sick.
C. Isabel had to keep herself busy after Paula died.
D. Before she died, Paula asked her mother to carry on her work.

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