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Selection Test

A. In this selection, you learn many things about the character Paul Berlin. The story tells about the events of his first day in the war. But you also learn about his thoughts, and from his thoughts you can infer things about him and his family. In the boxes on the left, list three things you can infer about Paul and his relationship with his family. In the boxes on the right, give evidence from the story for each of your inferences.
(10 points each)

Inference About Paul Berlin	Evidence from the Story
1.	
2.	

B. Write the letter of the best answer. This exercise is continued on the next page.
(5 points each)

_____ 1. To help himself feel less afraid, Paul
a. thinks about avoiding land mines
b. pictures Billy Boy's face
c. counts his steps
d. talks about his fears

_____ 2. When Toby talks with Paul, he conveys an attitude of
a. indifference.
b. sympathy.
c. scorn.
d. anger.

_____ 3. What did Billy Boy do when he stepped on the land mine?
a. He sat down casually.
b. He passed out.
c. He rolled on the ground, screaming in agony.
d. He began laughing uncontrollably.

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_____ 4. What did Paul fear most of all?
a. land mines and booby traps
b. being so terribly afraid again
c. mortar fire from the enemy
d. dying of a heart attack

C. Words to Know. Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

_____ 1. If your thoughts are diffuse, they are
a. contradictory. b. unfocused. c. resolute.

_____ 2. A bird in flight at night is most likely to be silhouetted against
a. a tree. b. the moon. c. a nest.

_____ 3. A person who does something casually is
a. awkward. b. hostile. c. unconcerned.

_____ 4. Words of consolation are intended to offer
a. comfort. b. practical advice. c. praise.

_____ 5. To execute a stunt is to
a. eliminate it. b. attempt it. c. perform it.

D. Answer **one** of the following questions based on your understanding of the selection. (15 points **each**)

DI. At the end of the story, a soldier says to Paul, "You got to stay calm, buddy. Half the battle, just staying calm." Relate this quotation to the internal struggles of Paul and to the death of Billy Boy. Do you think Paul will win this "half the battle"? Explain why or why not.

DII. Irony is a situation in which the result is very different from what one would have expected. Why did Billy Boy's death seem ironic to his companions? What impact did this ironic death have on Paul?

DIII. Linking Literature to Life. Answer the following question based on your own experience and knowledge. How do you think you would feel about being a soldier in a war? Would the reason for the war make a difference? Explain. **(10points)**