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Reading Comprehension  
GLAT Practice

Read the poem below then answer the items.

**THE SWITCH**

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I can't explain what happened I thought I had it made  
But when I got my paper back I can't believe the grade.

All night I toiled in study. Trying to cram in every single detail  
Drinking coffee to stay awake just so I wouldn't fail.

I even snacked on candies, to give me energy through the night.  
It kept my eyes wide open, so in the morning, I was a horrible sight.

But this grade is disappointing. I thought I would have gotten an "A"  
So I guess next time I'll study earlier instead of the night before test day.

1. What did the poet do to try to stay awake? Write **TWO** things.

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2. (a) If the poet's examination was on Wednesday, what night did she study?

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(b) Select the evidence from the poem to support your answer.

3. Which word in the poem means:

(a) to prepare hastily for an examination? \_\_\_\_\_

(b) to work hard \_\_\_\_\_

(c) not pleasing \_\_\_\_\_

4. What change did the poet intend to make for the next examination? Select the correct answer.

5. Which saying best sums up the lesson contained in the poem? Write in the letter beside the correct answer.

(A) "Early to bed, early to rise"

(B) "All is well that ends well"

(C) "If you fail to prepare, prepare to fail"

(D) "Honesty is the best policy"

6. What is the title of the poem? \_\_\_\_\_