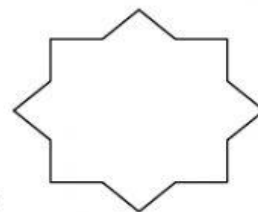


Reading  
Third Grade  
IVBA

28pts.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I. VOCABULARY

**A) Read the following statements. Choose the correct word to complete each sentence. Use the words from the word bank. Words are not repeated. There are extra words. (6pts)**

hesitation – pollen – tropical – burden – heroic – shelter – overheated – colony

1. Stand under the \_\_\_\_\_ at the bus stop if it's raining.
2. Flower \_\_\_\_\_ makes new plants grow, but it also makes me sneeze all spring!
3. It is \_\_\_\_\_ when firefighters save people from burning buildings.
4. Pets can easily get \_\_\_\_\_ on hot summer days.
5. Mangoes and bananas are both \_\_\_\_\_ fruits.
6. Donkeys are often used to carry a \_\_\_\_\_.

**B) Write very complete sentences with each of the following words. Show clear understanding of the word in context. Capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and spelling count. (12pts)**

absorb: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

dissolve: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

greedily: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ignores: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

constant: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

climate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**C) Read the following clues. Circle the word that best matches each clue. (5pts)**

1. Narrow path way or channel. (**store** – passages – spines)
2. Something that covers. (**coverings** – pollen – clumps)
3. The lowest part. (**drowsy** – scolding – base)
4. A group of living things of the same kind. (**gliding** – colony – constant)
5. An area in a natural state in which there are no people. (**wilderness** – unexpected – layer)

## II. READING COMPREHENSION

A) Read the following passage.



### Labrador Retrievers

Do you know which breed of dog is the most popular in the United States right now? If you guessed the Labrador retriever, you are correct! Perhaps someone in your family or one of your friends has a lab, as they are called, at home.

Labrador retrievers have three different possible colors for their fur: black, chocolate, and yellow, which is actually a light tan color. Labs are usually identified as black labs, chocolate labs and yellow labs.

Labrador retrievers are excellent family pets. These dogs like children and are sociable with strangers, making them a good neighborhood dog as well. Once trained, these dogs are obedient and don't get easily excited.

Labs are a rather large breed of dog. A Labrador retriever can be 2 feet tall at the shoulder and weigh 90 to 100 pounds. That's why it is important that they are gentle with children because they are bigger than most children.

The name retriever comes from the fact that these dogs were originally bred to help hunters retrieve game in the field. If a hunter, for example, was hunting for ducks, the Labrador retriever would be able to swim in the water to fetch the duck for the hunter. Today most Labrador retrievers don't go hunting but stay home and make wonderful family pets. Labrador retrievers love to play ball and Frisbee with the children in their families. Because labs are such patient and obedient dogs, they make good service dogs to help people who are blind or disabled.

B) Answer the following questions using the information from the passage. Write complete answers. (5pts)

1. What color is not appropriate for a Labrador retriever?

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2. About how tall is a lab at its shoulder height?

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3. Labrador retrievers were originally bred for what purpose?

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4. Which breed of dog is the most popular in the U.S. right now?

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5. Why Labrador retrievers are good service dogs?