International School of Monterrey

Junior High School **9th Grade**
Trimester 1 Final Exam **Literature**

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I. DIRECTIONS: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below. All open questions have a complete answer, capital letters and periods. (11 pts.)

ICE CREAMS

For two months, I have been trying to decide who makes the best ice cream. I have narrowed it down to my four favorite manufacturers: Randolph Farms, Goodies, Disco, and Twinkle.

Let's start with Randolph Farms. Randolph Farms makes very good ice cream. They have lots of different flavors, but this doesn't really matter to me. That's because I always get coffee flavor. They make the best coffee ice cream in the world. I've never had hot coffee (the drink) but people tell me that Randolph Farms coffee ice cream tastes just like the real thing. Also, Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients to make their ice cream. This is a good idea, I think.

Second, we have Goodies. Goodies makes excellent ice cream. Like Randolph Farms, Goodies uses all natural ingredients. They only make three different flavors—strawberry, vanilla, and chocolate—but they make them very well. The strawberry is amazing. Every bite of it reminds me of the strawberries that I used to pick behind my old house. The vanilla is wonderful. It is very smooth and has a refreshing, creamy taste. The chocolate is outstanding. It is made with real cocoa beans from Bolivia. I didn't know where Bolivia is so I decided to look for it on a map. After hunting awhile, I discovered that it is in South America! That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good. I would say that the only drawback to Goodies ice cream is that they only make three different flavors.

Third, we have Disco. Disco ice cream is okay. They don't have many good flavors. Actually, the only Disco flavor I like is Bubblegum. It is vanilla ice cream with little chunks of bubblegum in it. After you eat the ice cream, you can blow bubbles with the gum. That's pretty fun.

Finally, there is Twinkle. Twinkle ice cream is mediocre. The only good thing about Twinkle is that it is relatively inexpensive. You can buy a whole carton of twinkle ice cream for $4.50. That's only two weeks' allowance for me.

____ 1. Which of the following would be the **best title** for this passage?
A. "Strawberry, Vanilla, Chocolate, and Bubblegum Too!"
B. "The Four Top Ice Cream Manufacturers."
C. "The Finest Ice Cream in the World."
D. "Picking the Best Ice Cream Manufacturer."

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2. If the author wanted to get a scoop of coffee ice cream, where would he or she probably go?

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____ 3. In paragraph 1, the author uses a colon.
A colon (:) looks like two dots, one on top of the other.
Colons are used to separate different parts of a sentence. The part before the colon introduces an idea and can stand alone as a sentence. The part after the colon gives more detailed information about this idea, often as a list. If the colon could talk, it would say, "And here they are!"
Using this information, it can be understood that which of the following sentences contains the correct use of a colon?
A. My friends are: sweet, young, and generous.
B. I like: to talk on the phone at night.
C. I have three pets: Toto, Spot, and Rover.
D. I want a new bicycle: or new roller skates.

____ 4. In paragraph 3 the author writes, "That's a long way to go to get cocoa, so it must be good." Using this information, we can understand that the author believes that
A. Goodies loses money on sales of chocolate ice cream.
B. Bolivia makes the best cocoa in the world .
C. things that are hard to get must be high quality.
D. cocoa from the United States is not very good.

5. According to the passage, the author likes Disco ice cream because it

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____ 6. According to the passage, how is Randolph Farms ice cream different than Goodies?
I. Randolph Farms has many different flavors and Goodies does not.
II. Randolph Farms uses all natural ingredients and Goodies does not.
III. Randolph Farms is very expensive and Goodies is not.
A. I only.
B. I and II only.
C. II and III only.
D. I, II, and III .

7. According to the author, what is the only drawback to Goodies ice cream?

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____ 8. How much money does the author receive in his or her weekly allowance?

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A. $2.25.
B. $4.50.
C. $9.00.
D. Not enough information is provided.

____ 9. Given the information included in the passage, which of the following statements would the author most likely agree with?
A. Each manufacturer has its strengths and weaknesses.
B. The best manufacturers are the ones with the most flavors.
C. Goodies is certainly not the best manufacturer, as they only have three flavors.
D. Each manufacturer is good for different reasons.

10. If the author did decide that one manufacturer is best, which one would he or she probably choose?

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11. How many weeks would it take for the author to save enough money to buy two cartons of Twinkle ice cream?

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II. DIRECTIONS: Read the composition. <u>IT CONTAINS ERRORS</u>. Then read each question and choose the best answer. (4 pts.)

Windows

(1) When my great-uncle Morrie came to stay with my family, we thought he would take the basement room we had set up for him. **(2)** When he saw that the room had no windows, he refused to sleep their.

(3) "Sarah wouldn't mind if you took her room," My mother said.

(4) "Sarah," my mother said, looking at me sternly. **(5)** "Why don't you show Uncle Morrie to your room?" **(6)** I was so mad.

(7) I took him down the hall, and followed me with his bag.

(8)"This is nice," he said. **(9)** "You're a lucky kid, you know."

(10) I hoped he wasn't going to launch into some story about how hard life was for him as a kid. **(11)** I left him there and marched back out to the kitchen.

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(12) "Thanks a lot, Mom," I said sarcastically.

(13) "Don't start with me, young lady," she said, tying her apron.

(14) "I just think it's rude of him to tell *us* where he going to sleep."

(15) "Sarah, you knows nothing about this man. **(16)** You need to cut him some slack. **(17)** He's had a hard life."

(18) "Fine," I sighed. **(19)** "What's his problem with no windows?"

(20) "He afraid of enclosed spaces,' she muttered.

(21) After dinner, Morrie went to my room to sleep. **(22)** As I cleared the table, my mom took a book off the shelf and set it on the table. **(23)** It was *The Diary of Anne Frank*. **(24)** I have a diary, too.

(25) "It's time you read this," she said.

(26) "Why?" I asked.

(27) My mom explained that it was the diary of a Jewish girl who hid from the Nazis in an attic during World War II. **(28)** She said it would help me understand Uncle Morrie.

(29) "He's afraid of enclosed spaces because of this book?" I asked, surprised.

(30) "No, Sarah. **(31)** He had to hide just like the girl in this book."

(32) I read the first few pages, and I went to check on Uncle Morrie. **(33)** The door was open and he was facing the window.

____ 12. What change, if any, should be made to sentence 2?

A. Change ***windows*** to **Windows.**

B. Change the comma to a semicolon.

C. Change ***their*** to **there.**

D. No Change.

____ 13. Which sentence should be added after sentence 6 to support the main idea of the paragraph?

A. I am not even sure what a great-uncle is.

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B. My mom told me he was born in Europe.

C. I was even grounded once for talking back.

D. Uncle Morrie had a lot of nerve to be so picky.

____ 14. Sentence 7 should be changed to

A. I took him down the hall, and he with his bag.

B. I took him down the hall, he followed me with his bag.

C. I took him down the hall, and he followed me with his bag.

D. No change.

____ 15. In sentence 15, the word <u>knows</u> should be changed to

A. know.

B. is know.

C. knowing.

D. No change.

III. DIRECTIONS: The following questions are about "My Left Foot." Read each question and choose the best answer. (5 pts.)

____ 16. Because this selection is an autobiography, the reader knows that

A. Brown wrote the Epilogue.

B. Rotunda Hospital is a real place.

C. the story has a hero and a villain.

D. the thoughts of all characters are revealed.

____ 17. Which sentence best explains why the events of this autobiography are important to Brown?

A. It was hard, heartbreaking work, for often all she got from me in return was a vague smile and perhaps a faint gurgle.

B. After my birth, mother was sent to recuperate for some weeks and I was kept in the hospital while she was away.

C. In a moment, everything was changed, my future life molded into a definite shape, my mother's faith in me rewarded and her secret fear changed into open triumph.

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D. Inside, all the family were gathered round the big kitchen fire that lit up the little room with a warm glow and made giant shadows dance on the walls and ceiling.

____ 18. Which word best describes Brown's mother?

A. Hasty.

B. Meek.

C. Carefree.

D. Determined.

____ 19. When Brown is able to write the letter "A," it shows that he ___

A. loves his mother.

B. can communicate.

C. knows how to read.

D. will become a writer.

____ 20. Brown tells about a time when his mother was reading to him from a storybook. Why did Brown's mother start to cry after they finished the book?

A. He pulled her hair too hard and hurt her.

B. He said something that hurt her feelings.

C. She had hoped he would show that he understood her.

D. She was happy he was able to communicate with her.

IV. DIRECTIONS: Read the question. Write your answer. (1 pt.)

21. **Suddenly I wanted desperately to do what my sister was doing. Then --without thinking or knowing exactly what I was doing, I reached out and took the stick of chalk out of my sister´s hand -- *with my left foot.***

What do these autobiographical details reveal about what is important to Christy Brown, the writer?

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_____How do you know that these details are important?

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V. DIRECTIONS: Read each question and choose the best answer. **(4 pts.)**

____ 22. Read the sentences.

Aunt Jo was an <u>eccentric</u> dresser. For example, she mixed and matched colors and styles in a way that most people found odd.

Based on clues in the sentences, what does <u>eccentric</u> mean?

A. Fancy.

B. Casual.

C. Unusual.

D. Expensive.

____ 23. Read the sentences.

A dog that barks all the time, begs for food at the table, and jumps on guests can <u>exasperate</u> its owner. In other words, the dog can cause the owner to lose all patience.

Based on clues in the sentences, what does <u>exasperate</u> mean?

A. Train.

B. Annoy.

C. Excuse.

D. Appreciate.

24. Read the sentences below. Identify each as *F* (fact) or *O* (opinion).

a. ____ Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest presidents in U.S. history.

b. ____ Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

c. ____ The Gettysburg Address was delivered on November 19, 1863.

d. ____ Vice President Andrew Johnson became president after Lincoln's assassination.

25. Read the following passage from a social studies textbook. Then, answer the questions below.

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In 1840, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton decided to hold a convention to draw attention to the problems women faced. Eight years later, in 1848, in Seneca Falls, New York, that convention finally took place. About 200 women and 40 men attended the Seneca Falls Convention. At the meeting, leaders of the women's rights movement presented a Declaration of Sentiments, which was modeled on the Declaration of Independence.

a. What is the main idea of the passage?

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b. What are two main details in the passage?

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c. What is the author's purpose for writing the passage?

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d. How does the information in this passage relate to other information that you have studied?

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____26. He based his conclusion on what he inferred from the evidence, not on what he actually observed.

A. predicted
B. imagined
C. surmised
D. implied

____27. The neighborhood-watch group presented its ultimatum at the town board meeting: Repave the streets or prepare for protests.

A. earnest plea
B. formal petition
C. solemn promise
D. non-negotiable demand

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____28. The editor of the newspaper needed to be sure the article presented the right information, so his review was meticulous.

A. delicate
B. painstaking
C. superficial
D. objective

____29. The general public didn't care about the trial and was apathetic about the verdict.

A. enraged
B. indifferent
C. suspicious
D. saddened

____30. The doctors were pleased that their theory had been fortified by the new research.

A. reinforced
B. altered
C. disputed
D. developed

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