Passage 3

Charlie's Easter

Charlie began to count the days until Easter. Easter was Charlie's favorite holiday. Charlie loved the bright colors of Easter. He liked Easter because it was in the spring, and the flowers were blooming. The weather became warmer and Charlie could play outside.

Every year on Easter Sunday, Charlie and his parents have a big Easter party at their house. They invite their relatives and friends. After they eat lunch, they have an Easter egg hunt. This year, Charlie helped his parents clean the house for the party. His favorite chore was to wash the windows.

After the house was clean, Charlie and his mother decorated the house for Easter. They put a big pink Easter bunny on the porch. Then, they made an Easter tree in their yard with plastic eggs and ribbons. Charlie's mother smiled when she saw how pretty the decorations were.

The day before Easter, Charlie and his mother went shopping for food for the party. They bought a ham, beans, potato salad, eggs, and a coconut cake. Charlie's mother bought some Easter egg dye for Charlie. Charlie and his mother went home and boiled the eggs.

After the eggs had cooled, Charlie and his mother colored the eggs with Easter egg dye. The next day was Easter Sunday. Charlie got up early to help his parents get ready for the party. He took a bath and put on his new Easter clothes. It was going to be a great Easter!

1. What is the main idea of the passage? (1pt)

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2. Why was Easter Charlie's favorite holiday? (3pt)

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3. Name three things Charlie and his mother bought when they went shopping? (3pts)

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4. What did Charlie and his parents do before decorating the house for Easter? (1pt)

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5. What did Charlie do when he got up on the morning of Easter Sunday? (3pts)

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6. How do you think Charlie's mom felt when she looked at the Easter decorations? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2pts)

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7. Do you think Charlie liked the Christmas holiday as much as he liked the Easter holiday? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2pts)

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8. Use the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to put the events in order as they happened in the story. (6pts)

_____ They put a big pink Easter bunny on the porch.

_____ Charlie began to count the days until Easter.

_____ Charlie and his parents cleaned the house.

_____ Charlie took a bath and put on his new Easter clothes.

_____ Charlie and his mom colored the eggs with Easter egg dye.

_____ Charlie's mom boiled and cooled the eggs.

Passage 4

Dana's Flower Garden

Dana loves flowers. Her favorites are daisies, tulips, and daffodils. Tulips and daffodils come up every spring, and daisies come up later in the summer. These plants are perennials; they come up year after year. Dana loves the spring because she can go to the flower market to buy her annuals.

The annuals only last one season, but they add a lot of color to the garden. Dana got up Saturday morning very early. She wanted to get to the market early so she would have time to plant everything when she got home. Off she went to Barton's Flower Market. She ran into some friends. "Hi, Dana," they called out to her.

"Hi," said Dana with a big smile. "Let's look around together!" Dana and her friends saw pansies, geraniums, periwinkles and petunias. "Oh, so many pretty flowers!" exclaimed Dana. "I love them all."

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Dana decided to buy red and yellow pansies, blue periwinkles, and purple petunias. That will add a lot of color to my garden, thought Dana. She said good bye to her friends and went home.

Dana happily began planting her new flowers around the tulips and daffodils. Dana was so happy. She loved her flower garden, and she knew she would enjoy it all summer long. Dana had a perfect day.

9. What does Dana love? (1pt)

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10. Name three perennials. (3pts)

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11. Name three annuals. (3pts)

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12. How are perennials and annuals the same? (1pt)

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13. How are perennials and annuals different? (1pt)

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14. Was Dana happy to see her friends at the store? Use evidence from the passage to support your answer. (2pts)

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