Questions 1-6 are about the following letter.

Dear Parents,

We have almost arrived at the end of another school year. The last day of school is going to be held on Friday, May 15. All students should have their lockers cleaned out no later than 3:30 on that day.

This year, we have accomplished a number of our objectives. Several of our students received academic awards, such as for winning the city spelling bee (Teresa Kelly), winning the state math competition (Rohit Apu), and winning the county essay-writing contest (Julie Johnston). Furthermore, our athletic teams all had winning records, and the girls' volleyball team, led by Coach Alice Stevens, managed to come in second place in the entire state.

Let me remind you as summer begins that all returning students must do their summer reading. Enclosed with this letter is a list of the books from which each student must choose. All students have to read at least five books and write short reports on them during the summer.

Allow me to close by noting that I am always willing to meet with you and to address any of your concerns about the school. You can feel free to swing by and chat with me anytime.

Sincerely,
Gregory Jenkins
Principal

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1. In line 5, the word objectives is closest in meaning to _____.
   (A) skills
   (B) experiences
   (C) goals
   (D) achievements

2. Who is Julie Johnston?
   (A) The coach of the school's volleyball team
   (B) The principal of the school
   (C) The winner of an essay-writing contest
   (D) The school's best speller

3. What can be inferred from the letter about the school?
   (A) It has a successful athletics program.
   (B) It has already held its graduation ceremony.
   (C) It has seen its enrollment decline.
   (D) It has a large library available to students.

4. Which of the following statements does paragraph 3 support?
   (A) Students may submit their reports over the Internet.
   (B) Every student must write five book reports during summer.
   (C) Students are expected to turn in reports each month.
   (D) All students must read the same five books during summer.

5. In line 14, the word them refers to _____.
   (A) all returning students
   (B) all students
   (C) five books
   (D) short reports

6. What does Gregory Jenkins point out by writing that people can feel free to swing by in line 16?
   (A) He schedules his own meetings with parents.
   (B) All visitors are welcome to visit his office.
   (C) He encourages parents to be involved at the school.
   (D) Students should spend more time on campus.

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Questions 7-12 are about the following article in the school newspaper.

Last Saturday, October 10, the school's math team took part in the Hampton Junior Math Tournament. The event was held in the auditorium at Lakeview High School. There were students from twenty-seven schools that participated in the competition.

Mrs. Gibbons, the math teacher, led our school's team at the competition. There were seven students from our school who took part in the contest. By the time the competition ended, we were in third place with a total of eighty-five points. The first place winner, Trinity High School, scored ninety-one points while Copeland Academy came in second with eighty-six points. Our performance was a dramatic improvement from last year's team, which failed to score a single point.

Overall, Molly Reed led the team by scoring an incredible twenty-five points. That made her the leading scorer in the entire tournament.

After the competition ended, Mrs. Gibbons said, "I'm so proud of this group. They took on teams that had twice as many students, but they still managed to capture third place. What an incredible achievement."

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7. Which headline best summarizes the article?

(A) Math Team Comes in Third in Competition
(B) Mrs. Gibbons Takes Math Team to Lakeview High
(C) Molly Reed Selected Captain of the Math Team
(D) School to Compete in Math Competition

8. What is the purpose of this article?

(A) To recruit some students for the math team
(B) To describe the results of an academic competition
(C) To praise the math team for trying its best
(D) To encourage more students to do extracurricular activities

9. Which of the following is NOT mentioned about the math competition?

(A) How many teams participated
(B) What prizes were awarded
(C) When it took place
(D) Which team came in first

10. In line 9, the word dramatic is closest in meaning to _____.

(A) tremendous
(B) sincere
(C) indescribable
(D) unexpected

11. Which of the following is true regarding Molly Reed?

(A) She has been on the math team for the past two years.
(B) She scored more points than anyone at the tournament.
(C) She was the only student from the school who scored.
(D) She received a prize for her achievement.

12. What does Mrs. Gibbons say about the math team?

(A) She is disappointed it did not win the competition.
(B) Its members did a lot of preparing for the event.
(C) She intends to recruit more students for it.
(D) It was successful against some much bigger teams.

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