



**7-Literature**  
**"Building Bridges", "The Right Words at the Right Time."**

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**I. DIRECTIONS:** Read each question and choose the best answer. (8 pts.)

**"Building Bridges"**

- \_\_\_\_ 1. A career means a person's  
A) free time.  
B) life work.  
C) secret hope.  
D) favorite hobby.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Comedian means a person who  
A) writes books.  
B) sells groceries.  
C) cuts people's hair.  
D) makes people laugh.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. To give consent means to give  
A) help.  
B) money.  
C) control.  
D) permission.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. If a person is an engineer, it means the person plans how to  
A) build things.  
B) plant gardens.  
C) design dresses.  
D) manage money.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. If something is an obstacle, it means that it  
A) makes you happy.  
B) stands in your way.  
C) disappears quickly.  
D) gives you confidence.

- \_\_\_ 6. A project means a
- A) plan.
  - B) task.
  - C) product.
  - D) business.
- \_\_\_ 7. To react means
- A) repeat.
  - B) remind.
  - C) receive.
  - D) respond.
- \_\_\_ 8. If a person is stubborn, it means the person has a
- A) nice style.
  - B) strong will.
  - C) great mind.
  - D) deep voice.

II. **DIRECTIONS:** Read each question and choose the best answer. (6 pts.)

**"Building Bridges"**

- \_\_\_ 9. Each of these sentences is dialogue that Mama Lil says. Which one shows how Mama Lil feels about Bebe?
- A) "Bebe, I'm an old woman."
  - B) "I'm enjoying my cig, Bebe," she said.
  - C) "Sit, Bebe, your ham's ready," she said.
  - D) "Bebe, that bridge is lucky to have you," she said.
- \_\_\_ 10. In what way are Bebe and Mama Lil alike?
- A) They both have big dreams.
  - B) They both have strong opinions.
  - C) They both wear the same kinds of clothes.
  - D) They both think men should do bridge work.

- \_\_\_ 11. Which of these is true about Mama Lil and Bebe?
- A) They disagree often but still love each other.
  - B) They act like sisters abut really want to live apart.
  - C) They stay together only because they are family.
  - D) They do not trust each other but pretend they do.
- \_\_\_ 12. Bebe would like to work on the Brooklyn Bridge. Mama Lil thinks it is a job for men. What does this show about Mama Lil?
- A) She does not like to work hard.
  - B) She does not want Bebe to get a job.
  - C) She has strong ideas about women's work.
  - D) She is more clever than her granddaughter.
- \_\_\_ 13. Why does Mama Lil finally allow Bebe to take the job repairing the bridge?
- A) Bebe will leave home if Mama Lil says nor.
  - B) Mama Lil realizes Bebe should follow her dream.
  - C) The bridge job pays more money than the beauty parlor.
  - D) Mama Lil thinks Bebe will quit when she realizes how hard it is.
- \_\_\_ 14. What is Bebe's biggest dream?
- A) to become an engineer
  - B) to buy a house for Mama Lil
  - C) to work in Rimley's Beauty Parlor
  - D) to draw pictures of famous bridges

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

15. Read these sentences from the passage.

Truth be told, Mama Lil was scared of something she didn't know. She hardly ever left our neighborhood in Brooklyn. To her, the Brooklyn Bridge was a mystery.

What do these sentences show about Mama Lil? Include specific words or phrases from the text to support your answer.

**IV. DIRECTIONS:** Read each question and choose the best answer. (6 pts.)  
**"The Right Words at the Right Time."**

- \_\_\_ 16. For text to be called a memoir, it must be  
A) hard to believe.  
B) short and funny.  
C) personal and true.  
D) about family life.
- \_\_\_ 17. A memoir is like a short story because it has  
A) a plot.  
B) lots of details.  
C) lots of characters.  
D) a surprise ending.
- \_\_\_ 18. Which is a clue that "The Right Words at the Right Time" is a memoir?  
A) It includes jokes.  
B) It has a happy ending.  
C) It talks about the author's clothing.  
D) It describes an event in the author's life.
- \_\_\_ 19. Read this sentence from the memoir.

I totally changed. I hung out with the gangsters. Cut class.

Why did Leguizamo change in this way?

- A) His teacher gave him bad advice.  
B) He was embarrassed about being funny.  
C) He wanted people at his school to like him.  
D) He wanted more attention from his parents.
- \_\_\_ 20. What were "The Right Words at the Right Time" for Leguizamo?  
A) a joke Leguizamo told in school  
B) an award speech Leguizamo made  
C) the comment Leguizamo's mother made about his shoes  
D) Mr. Zufa's suggestion that Leguizamo could become a comedian

- \_\_\_\_ 21. Leguizamo tried to make people like him by being
- A) funny.
  - B) smart.
  - C) helpful.
  - D) friendly.

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

22. This long sentence from “The Right Words at the Right Time” may be hard to read.

I didn't talk to Mr. Zufa like I usually would have. I was quiet. I probably said something like, “Yeah, cool, man,” but for the rest of the day, I couldn't get what he said out of my head.

What do these sentences tell you about Leguizamo? Include specific words or phrases from the text to support your answer.

