



International School of Monterrey

Junior High School Trimester 2 Final Exam

7th Grade
Literature

Name _____ Date _____ List #: ___ - ___

I. **DIRECTIONS:** Read each question, write your answer in the space provided. (13 pts.)

"Only Daughter."

1. Why does someone write a memoir?

2. Which of these does Cisneros include in her memoir?

- A) Funny jokes.
- B) Scary moments.
- C) Descriptive details.
- D) Mysterious events.

3. How did Cisneros feel when her father told people that he had seven sons?

- A) Confused about what he meant.
- B) Jealous of his pride in her brothers.
- C) Embarrassed that he was boasting.
- D) Upset that he did not seem to value her.

4. Cisneros and her father did not agree about something. What was it?

- A) He wanted her to use her hands. She wanted to move to Mexico.
- B) He wanted her to write in Spanish. She wanted to write in English.
- C) He wanted her to become someone's wife. She wanted to become a writer.
- D) He wanted her to spend more time thinking. She wanted to be with her brothers.

5. Read the sentences.

A fable, a short tale that teaches a lesson, often has animals as main characters. "The Lion and the Mouse" is a good example of a fable.

Based on context clues, the word fable means

- A)** animals.
- B)** a short tale.
- C)** main characters.
- D)** a good example.

6. Read the sentence.

My sister is really outgoing and loves to talk to people, but I am timid.

Based on context clues, timid means

- A)** shy.
- B)** exciting.
- C)** sad.
- D)** talkative.

"Heartbeat."

7. Every story has a viewpoint or perspective. Viewpoint means

- A)** why an idea is important.
- B)** where an event takes place.
- C)** who is involved in an action.
- D)** how someone sees a situation.

8. Which of these sentences from the story tells the reader about Dave's feelings?

- A)** I went home and inspected myself in the mirror.
- B)** I didn't care about being stronger if nobody could tell.
- C)** I went to school the next day wearing two T-shirts under my rugby shirt.
- D)** I got home and realized I'd left my bundle of wet clothes back at the party.

9. At the end of the story, Dave tries to decide which of four outfits to wear. The last sentence of the story says: "Maybe I should wear all of them." In this sentence, Dave is

- A)** making a joke.
- B)** trying to hurry.
- C)** worried about being cold.
- D)** worried about being late.

10. Dave's nickname is Heartbeat because of his

11. Read the sentences.

Diana threw all of her weight against the heavy door to slam it shut. She looked quickly around the room. She needed a secure hiding place until the ghost had passed.

In the third sentence, the word secure means

- A) safe.
- B) tight.
- C) careful.
- D) dependable.

12. Read the sentences.

Joe hesitated to advance his idea, but when he looked around, all he saw were nodding heads and smiling faces.

In the sentence, the word advance means

- A) move or send forward.
- B) suggest or propose.
- C) raise in rank or position.
- D) increase the rate of.

13. Read the sentence.

It was settled; Paul would meet us at the train station, and we would drive together from there.

In the sentence, the word settled means

- A) made calm.
- B) gathered.
- C) agreed upon.
- D) established.

II. **DIRECTIONS:** The following questions are about "Team Hoyt." Read each question and choose the best answer. (3 pts.)

Team Hoyt

It is almost noon on April 17, 2006—race time! A starter gun fires, and the Boston Marathon begins. This tough, sometimes brutal, race attracts athletes from all over the world. Racers who finish have the honor of saying they survived the 26.2 mile trek. Race winners will take home over half a million dollars of prize money.

The wheelchair racers start first. The crowd gives them a loud cheer. These athletes can't walk. Most have had serious injuries. Still they wheel their high-tech chairs at speeds over 35 mph!

The crowd cheers again. The runners have begun. These are the world's finest distance runners—about 20,000 of them. They come from all 50 states and many foreign countries. The fastest will finish the race in 2 hours and 7 minutes.

The loudest cheers, however, seem to be for Team Hoyt. That's a wheelchair-runner combination. Sixty-five-year-old Dick Hoyt is the runner. His son, 44-year-old Rick Hoyt, is in the wheelchair. Rick can't move the chair himself. A brain injury at birth left him unable to move his arms and legs. So his father pushes him.

This is the Hoyts' 25th Boston Marathon. They never miss a year. By now, the crowd and the officials know them well. One year they ran the course in 2 hours and 40 minutes. Everyone expects another great race from Team Hoyt this year!

The Hoyts Get Started

Back in 1980, it was a different story. That year, the father-and-son team tried to enter their first Boston Marathon. Officials told them no. The Hoyts weren't runners. They weren't really wheelchair racers either. There was no category for them.

That didn't stop the Hoyts. On Marathon day, they showed up at the starting line. The gun sounded, and Dick was off. He pushed his 140-pound son and the 30-pound wheelchair the whole way. Not even Heartbreak Hill, a steep hill along the route, stopped them. The Hoyts were true competitors. The crowd loved it!

How did the Hoyts start running together? Rick first had the idea in 1977. He was in high school then. His school was holding a five-mile race to raise money for an injured athlete. Rick wanted to take part somehow.

Speaking is difficult for Rick, but his mind is sharp. He is able to communicate by typing on a computer with his head. Quickly he typed a question to his father. "Would you push me in my wheelchair in the race?"

At the time, Dick Hoyt was middle-aged. He had never run in a race. He had never heard of anyone pushing a wheelchair in a race either. Still he wanted to enable his son to take part. He would willingly go the extra mile—or miles. "Sure, I'll push you!" he said.

That high school race was a breakthrough. "Dad!" Rick typed. "When we were running, I felt like I wasn't disabled." Dick Hoyt didn't need to hear anymore. Right away, the pair began to train for that first Boston Marathon.

Triathlons and More

The Hoyts don't limit themselves to marathons though. Over the years, they have completed more than 200 triathlons. (In a triathlon, athletes run, swim, and bicycle over 100 miles!) For Dick, that means towing Rick in a boat while swimming. It also means pedaling his bike with Rick on his handlebars.

The Hoyts have taken on other challenges besides distance races. Both Hoyts really enjoy bicycling. So in 1992, they took a long, long ride. Together, they pedaled across the United States on a bicycle-for-two. Their goal was to raise money to build ramps for people with disabilities. Dick has even carried Rick on his back to go mountain climbing!

One More Finish Line

Now the Boston Marathon of 2006 is almost over. Team Hoyt is crossing the finish line in downtown Boston. The crowd roars. The Hoyts haven't disappointed their fans. Dick and Rick have again finished in the top quarter. "No question about it," Rick types afterward. "My dad is the Father of the Century!" They continue to race, not just for themselves, but for others.

14. How are the first three paragraphs of the article organized?

- A) In chronological order.
- B) In order of importance.
- C) In geographical order.
- D) In order of cause and effect.

15. Which sentence from the article begins a shift in time?

- A) His son, 44-year-old Rick Hoyt, is in the wheelchair.
- B) Back in 1980, it was a different story.
- C) Speaking is difficult for Rick, but his mind is sharp.
- D) So in 1992, they took a long, long ride.

16. Which detail **best** supports the idea that the Hoyts race for others?

- A) They completed more than 200 triathlons.
- B) They finished in the top quarter in the 2006 Boston Marathon.
- C) They raised money for people with disabilities by biking across the United States.
- D) They ran their first marathon even after they were refused entry into the race.

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

17. Weight means

- A) how old something is.
- B) how deep something is.
- C) how heavy something is.
- D) how strong something is.

18. To give advice means to offer

- A) money.
- B) thanks.
- C) suggestions.
- D) understanding.

19. An outlook is the way someone

- A) finds an answer.
- B) makes a choice.
- C) views a situation.
- D) solves a problem.

20. Write a summary of "Enabling and Disabling".