



International School of Monterrey

Junior High School Trimester 3 Final Exam

8th Grade Literature

Name _____ Date _____ List # _____ - _____

I. DIRECTIONS: Read the paragraph and use the following words to correctly complete it. (8 pts.)

burdens

ominous

relevance

cease

ponder

suspected

dread

prophet

When Edgar Allan Poe died in 1849, no one guessed or (1) that he'd be known as a great writer. Since then, his tales of great fear and (2) have become the standard for scary stories. Today's writers study his works and (3) what makes them great. Is it the (4) feelings he creates that warn the reader that something terrible is coming? Do his narrators' heavy (5) of fear and insanity touch something in us and give them (6) that connects to our own lives? Perhaps he was a (7) who looked into the future and predicted that our greatest fears would never change, or (8). They are with us always, just as Poe's work stands the test of time.

II. DIRECTIONS: Read the passage and answer the questions that follow. (10 pts.)

Koko

Did you know that humans aren't the only species that use language? Bees communicate by dancing. Whales talk to each other by singing. And some apes talk to humans by using American Sign Language.

Meet Koko: a female gorilla born at the San Francisco Zoo on July 4th, 1971. Koko learned sign language from her trainer, Dr. Penny Patterson. Patterson began teaching sign language to Koko in 1972, when Koko was one year old. Koko must have been a good student, because two years later she moved onto the Stanford University campus with Dr. Patterson.

Koko continued to learn on the campus until 1976. That's when she began living full-time with Patterson's group, the Gorilla Foundation. Patterson and Koko's relationship has blossomed ever since.

Dr. Patterson says that Koko has mastered sign language. She says that Koko knows over 1,000 words, and that Koko makes up new words. For example, Koko didn't know the sign for *ring*, so she signed the words *finger* and *bracelet*. Dr. Patterson thinks that this shows meaningful and constructive use of language.

Not everyone agrees with Dr. Patterson. Some argue that apes like Koko do not understand the meaning of what they are doing. Skeptics say that these apes are just performing complex tricks. For example, if Koko points to an apple and signs *red* or *apple*, Dr. Patterson will give her an apple. They argue that Koko does not really know what the sign *apple* means. She only knows that if she makes the right motion, one which Dr. Patterson has shown her, then she gets an apple. The debate is unresolved, but one thing is for certain: Koko is an extraordinary ape.

Sign language isn't the only unusual thing about Koko. She's also been a pet-owner. In 1983, at the age of 12, researchers said that Koko asked for a cat for Christmas. They gave Koko a stuffed cat. Koko was not happy. She did not play with it, and she continued to sign *sad*. So for her birthday in 1984, they let her pick a cat out of an abandoned litter. Koko picked a gray cat and named him "All Ball." Dr. Patterson said that Koko loved and nurtured All Ball as though he were a baby gorilla. Sadly, All Ball got out of Koko's cage and was hit by a car. Patterson reported that Koko signed "Bad, sad, bad" and "Frown, cry, frown, sad" when she broke the news to her.

It seems like Patterson and Koko have a good relationship, but not everyone agrees with it. Some critics believe that Patterson is *humanizing* the ape. They believe that apes should be left in the most natural state possible. Even Dr. Patterson struggles with these feelings. When asked if her findings could be duplicated by another group of scientists, she said, "We don't think that it would be ethical to do again." She went on to argue that animals should not be kept in such unnatural circumstances. Nonetheless, Koko lives in her foundation today.

As for the future, Dr. Patterson and the Gorilla Foundation would love to get Koko to an ape preserve in Maui, but they are having trouble securing the land. So unless you have a few million dollars to spare, Koko's going to be spending her time in Woodland, California with Dr. Patterson. Koko probably doesn't mind that. If she moved to Hawaii, she'd have to give up her Facebook page and Twitter feed, and she's got like 50 thousand "likes." Some may deny that she knows sign language, but nobody says that she doesn't know social networking.

- _____9. Which best expresses the main idea of this article?
- A. Bees, whales, and apes like Koko all use language to communicate.
 - B. Koko uses sign language but some think it's just a trick.
 - C. It is natural for gorillas and house cats to live together.
 - D. If you want a lot of "likes" on Facebook, get a talking gorilla.
- _____10. Which best describes how the second paragraph is organized?
- A. Chronological order.
 - B. Cause and effect
 - C. Compare and contrast.
 - D. Problem and solution
- _____11. Which best expresses the author's purpose in writing the second paragraph?
- A. The author is describing the environment in which Koko lives.
 - B. The author is informing readers how Dr. Patterson developed her skills.
 - C. The author is persuading readers that Koko should be freed.
 - D. The author is telling readers about Koko and Dr. Patterson's background.
- _____12. Which happened **last**?
- A. Koko got a stuffed cat for Christmas.
 - B. Koko lost All Ball.
 - C. Koko began living with the Gorilla Foundation.
 - D. Dr. Patterson began teaching Koko to sign.
- _____13. Which statement would the author most likely **agree** with?
- A. Koko has mastered sign language without a doubt.
 - B. Everybody likes how Dr. Patterson has raised Koko.
 - C. Koko doesn't really know sign language.
 - D. Some people are troubled by how Koko was raised.
- _____14. Which best defines the word **duplicated** as it is used in the sixth paragraph?
- A. To dispute a fact or disagree with someone
 - B. To lie to someone or to fool them

- C. To copy or recreate something
- D. To be disproven through debate

____ 15. Which event happened **first**?

- A. Koko moved onto the Stanford University campus.
- B. Koko picked All Ball out for her birthday.
- C. Koko began living with the Gorilla Foundation.
- D. Koko got a stuffed cat for Christmas.

____ 16. Which best describes the main idea of the **sixth** paragraph?

- A. Dr. Patterson has treated Koko very cruelly.
- B. Dr. Patterson and Koko have a beautiful, pure, and peaceful relationship.
- C. Some people think that Koko should not have been treated like a human.
- D. Some people are working very hard to prove that Dr. Patterson is wrong.

____ 17. Which statement would the author most likely **disagree** with?

- A. Dr. Patterson has worked hard to teach Koko sign language.
- B. Some people think that Koko only signs to get food.
- C. The Gorilla Foundation would like to move Koko to an ape preserve.
- D. Dr. Patterson has no regrets about working with Koko.

____ 18. If a book were being written about Koko and All Ball, which title would best summarize their story?

- A. *Long Wanted, Short Lived: A Tale of Strong Loves Lost.*
- B. *Happy Ending: The Gorilla Who Got What She Wanted.*
- C. *A Tale of Two Kitties: A Stuffed Cat Versus a Real One.*
- D. *Plushy Love: How A Gorilla Fell in Love with a Stuffed Cat.*

III. DIRECTIONS: Read and respond the following questions (3 pts.)

19. Give some examples of species that use language.

20. Does Koko really understand sign language?

21. Describe how Dr. Patterson feels about her relationship with Koko.

IV. DIRECTIONS: Answer the following questions about "Ad Power". (4 pts.)

- _____ 22. Why did the author write this persuasive text?
- A. To inform the reader how his/her decisions are affected by advertising.
 - B. To encourage the reader to consider a career in advertising.
 - C. To reveal the strategies used by companies to influence your actions.
 - D. To describe the changes in advertising techniques over the last century.
- _____ 23. The author calls advertising "persuasive communication." Which word is most opposite in meaning to advertise?
- A. Announce.
 - B. Promote.
 - C. Suppress.
 - D. Publicize.
- _____ 24. Have you ever noticed that sometimes on a reality television show the logo/slogan on a participant's shirt has been made fuzzy so that it cannot be read? This most likely could happen for any number of reasons EXCEPT
- A. If left so that the audience could read it, the logo/slogan would in effect be advertising a product/service that is a competitor to that which is sponsoring the television show.
 - B. The company which is represented by the logo/slogan would not agree to pay for the "free" advertising.
 - C. The participant is embarrassed to be seen wearing a shirt from that company.
 - D. The content of the logo/slogan would be offensive to the target audience of the television show.
- _____ 25. Which of these should NOT be added to the list describing a good slogan?
- A. It should address the target audience—be brief and to the point.
 - B. It should be easy to remember and easy to repeat—rhymes are memorable.
 - C. It should clearly recall the brand name.
 - D. It should contain only little words that are easy to pronounce.

V. DIRECTIONS: Read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using cross sentence clues or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you determine the word meaning. (2 pts.)

26. **bewilder:** John was **bewildered** when he saw the math teacher writing letters on the board that were to be added and subtracted. Aren't letters for reading class? John thought to himself.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

27. **wretched**: Alice woke up feeling **wretched**. She was covered with sweat and had a headache.

Definition:

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?