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Pretest

Directions: Read the passage and follow the directions for problems 1–4.

My 15-year-old sister, Monica, babysits to earn extra money. Last Thursday, she asked if I wanted to go with her the next evening to watch our neighbors' two-year-old and her one-year-old brother. She said that she would split the money with me. It sounded like easy money, so I agreed.

No sooner had the parents walked out the door than I realized how wrong I was. In less than five minutes, the older child was screaming and the little one was crawling for the stairs. My sister tried to calm the two-year-old, and I ran after the little one. I caught him by the diaper just before he got to the stairs.

The rest of the evening was just as hectic. I thought that little kids slept a lot. Not these two! I am the one who could have used a nap. After what seemed like an eternity, the parents arrived home. When they asked how their little darlings behaved, my sister smiled and said, "Just fine."

On our way home, my sister said that I did a great job helping her and asked if I wanted to go along on her next job. Just when I was about to answer that I never wanted to babysit again, she said, "Here, Jesse. Here's your half of the fee."

As she put the cash in my hand, I found myself saying, "Sure. I'd be glad to babysit with you anytime."

1. Which sentence best describes the theme of the passage?

(A) kids are crazy

(C) babysitting is fun

(B) hard work pays off

(D) time flies when you are having fun

2. Underline one sentence in the text that supports your answer for question 1.

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Pretest (cont.)

3. How does the sentence below help the author advance the plot?

In less than five minutes, the older child was screaming and the little one was crawling for the stairs.

4. Read the sentences below and follow the directions for 4a and 4b.

After what seemed like an eternity, the parents arrived home. When they asked how their little darlings behaved, my sister smiled and said, “Just fine.”

4a. What do the words *little darlings* mean as used in the text?

4b. Underline the word or words in the text that help you determine the meaning of **little darlings** as used in the text.

Pretest (cont.)

Directions: Read the passage and then answer questions 6 and 7.

Pedro was looking forward to spending time playing some video games with his friend Kenny. He was upset to learn that his mother expected him to include his little brother, Carlo, in the competition. Pedro thought that Carlo was a complete pain in the neck. Kenny suggested that he play one game with Carlo and let him win. Pedro said, “No way! Then he will want to play with us even more!”

After a moment, Kenny said, “OK, then. How about if I have my little brother over, too? Then the two little monsters can play together and leave us alone.”

“Now you’re talking!” said Pedro.

5. In the story, what does the expression “Carlo was a complete pain in the neck” mean?

- A Carlo always bothered Pedro. C Carlo’s neck hurt.
- B Carlo hurt Pedro’s neck. D Pedro always bothered Carlo.

6a. Which point of view is used in the passage?

6b. How do you think the passage would change if it were told from Carlo’s point of view?

7. A student typed the sentence below, which contains the title of a book. Mark all the ways the student can indicate the title of the work while typing.

Have you read *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O’Dell?

- A italics D underline
- B leave it alone E change the font to Times Roman
- C different color

Pretest (cont.)

8. Which words correctly fill the blanks in the following passage?

Roger and Toby used to think that their teacher, Mr. Schmit, was mean. Now _____ realize that he is tough on the _____ because he really cares.

- (A) he, students (C) them, kids
(B) their, flock (D) they, class

9. Choose the sentence that shows the correct usage of the words *lose* and *loose*.

- (A) I have to wear a belt because my pants are a bit lose. (C) A button came lose from my jacket, but I did not lose it.
(B) If you put things away where they belong, you are less likely to lose them. (D) My tooth is loose, and it's ready to fall out.

10. Which affix helps you better understand the meaning of the word *competitions* in the passage below?

Judo experts can win *competitions* even when their opponents are bigger.

- (A) *-petition* means an earnest request (C) *comp-* means free
(B) *com-* means together (D) *-pet* means about animals

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Pretest (cont.)

Directions: Solve each problem.

11. Evaluate the expression below.

$$62(8 + 12) \div (4 \div 1)$$

12. Round each number to the nearest tenth.

12a. 132.54 _____

12b. 47.76 _____

12c. 22.537 _____

12d. 118.495 _____

13. Write the value of each 4.

13a. 94.36 _____

13b. 59.04 _____

13c. 42.09 _____

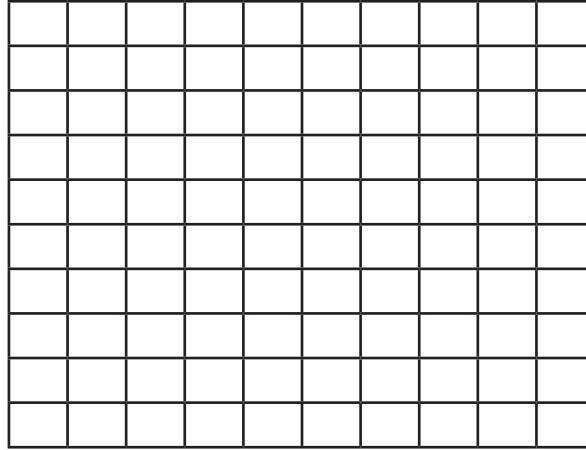
13d. 681.43 _____

14. There are 27 students in Mr. Langston's class. Each student brings a package of 2 dozen crayons to school. What is the total number of crayons brought to school by Mr. Langston's class?

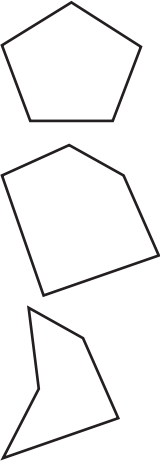
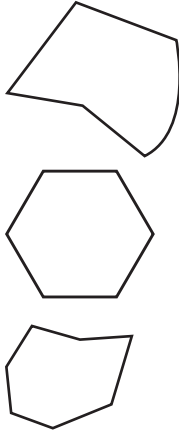
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Pretest (cont.)

15. Each square on the grid represents 25 square units. Outline a figure in the grid that has an area of 250 square units.



16. Look at the examples and nonexamples. Draw one other shape that can be included in each category.

Examples	Nonexamples
	

Name: _____ Date: _____

Pretest (cont.)

17. Mark *Yes* for each problem that can be solved using the denominator 8 and *No* for each problem that cannot.

17a. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$ Yes No

17b. $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{3}$ Yes No

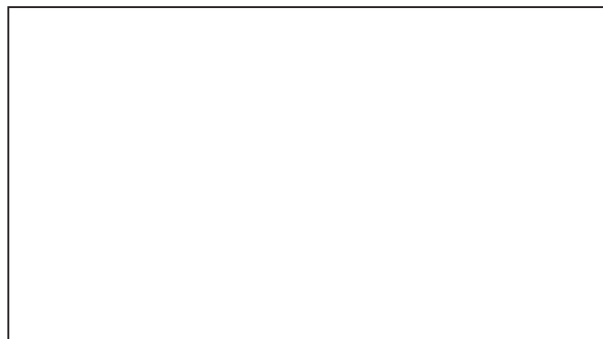
17c. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{1}{2}$ Yes No

17d. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2}$ Yes No

17e. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{5}$ Yes No

18. Find the area (in square feet) of the patio below.

$8\frac{1}{2}$ ft.



19. Find the quotient.

$$16\overline{)252}$$

20. Kathy is baking 8 dozen cookies for the bake sale. It takes $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of sugar for each dozen. How many cups of sugar does she need?

Posttest

Directions: Read the passage, and then follow the directions for problems 1–4.

My dad lives in the Northwest. I fly to Seattle to visit him at least twice a year. The flight is usually long and boring, but when I went this past summer, it was anything but boring.

About an hour into the flight, the plane started to descend. I couldn't understand what was happening. A few moments later we landed—in the wrong city! Everyone on the plane looked nervous, especially the guy sitting next to me.

The attendants insisted that we all stay in our seats. The next thing I knew, some government authorities got on the plane. They looked at each person carefully. When they got to my aisle, they stopped. I think I went pale. Suddenly, they seized the man sitting next to me! Then, one of them leaned over to me and said, “Are you associated with this man?”

“Uh, uh, no...Sir,” I stammered.

“Good,” he said. Then they took the man off the plane. Eventually, we took off again and landed—late, but in the right city.

My dad was at the airport waiting for me. “How was your flight?” he asked, as he always does. He expected my typical response of “boring,” but this time my answer would be different.

- Which sentence best describes the theme of the passage?
 (A) good versus bad
 (B) losing hope
 (C) don't talk to strangers
 (D) you never know what to expect

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- Underline one sentence in the text above that supports your answer to question 1.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Posttest (cont.)

3. How does the sentence below help the author advance the plot?

The next thing I knew, some government authorities got on the plane.

4. Read the sentence and complete the tasks below.

About an hour into the flight, the plane started to **descend**. I couldn't understand what was happening. A few moments later, we landed—in the wrong city!

4a. What does the word *descend* mean as used in the text?

4b. Underline the word or words that help you determine the meaning of *descend* as used in the text.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Posttest (cont.)

Directions: Read the passage, and then answer questions 5 and 6.

With six foster children in her home already, Mrs. Cain wasn't sure if she had a place in her heart for one more child. But when she looked into Marla's lost and lonely eyes, she knew that she would love her just as much as the others in her care.

5. In the story, what does the expression *had a place in her heart* mean?

- (A) would be able to love and care for (C) felt sorry for
 (B) had room in her house (D) if she felt happy

6a. Which point of view is used in the passage?

6b. How do you think the passage would change if it were told from Mrs. Cain's point of view?

7. A student typed the sentence below, which contains the title of a book. Mark all the ways the student can indicate the title of the work while typing.

The book *The Lightning Thief* is my favorite of all time.

- (A) Leave it as it is. (D) Use a different color.
 (B) Use italics. (E) Change the font to Times Roman.
 (C) Underline the title.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Posttest (cont.)

8. Which words correctly fill the blanks in the following passage?

Haley valued saving some of her money. That is why _____ didn't want to spend _____ all on just one game.

(A) she; them

(C) she; it

(B) her; it

(D) she; their

9. Choose the sentence that shows the correct usage of the words *then* and *than*.

(A) My sister is three inches taller than my brother.

(C) Both A and B are correct.

(B) I'd rather watch football then basketball.

(D) None of the above

10. Which affix or affixes help you better understand the meaning of the word *democracy*?

(A) *de-* means from, down or away

(C) *mo-* means make fun of

(B) *demo-* means people

(D) *-cracy* means rule

11. Evaluate the expression below.

$$9(5 - 3) + 4(26 + 95) \div 2$$

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Posttest (cont.)

12. Round each number to the nearest tenth.

12a. 154.84 _____

12b. 92.56 _____

12c. 34.833 _____

12d. 116.59 _____

13. Write the value of each 6.

13a. 62.09 _____

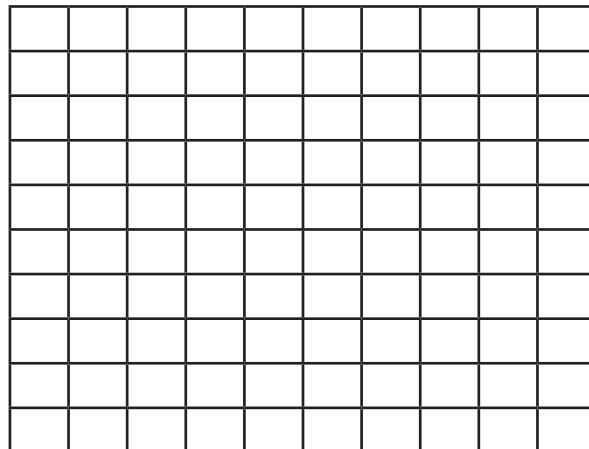
13b. 481.63 _____

13c. 96.34 _____

13d. 59.06 _____

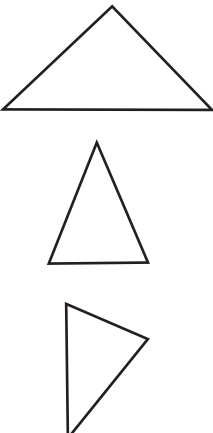
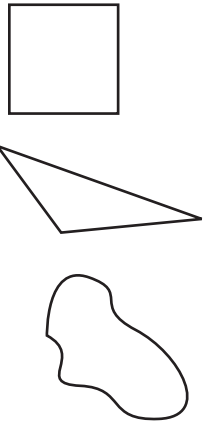
14. There are 18 players on coach Randy's team. Each player brings a package of 2 dozen tennis balls to practice. What is the total number of tennis balls brought to the practice by the players?

15. Each square on the grid represents 15 square units. Outline a figure in the grid that has an area of 210 square units.



Posttest (cont.)

16. Look at the examples and nonexamples. Draw one other shape that can be included in each category.

Examples	Nonexamples
	

17. Mark *Yes* for each problem that can be solved using the denominator 12 and *No* for each problem that cannot.

17a. $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{3}$ Yes No

17b. $\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7}$ Yes No

17c. $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$ Yes No

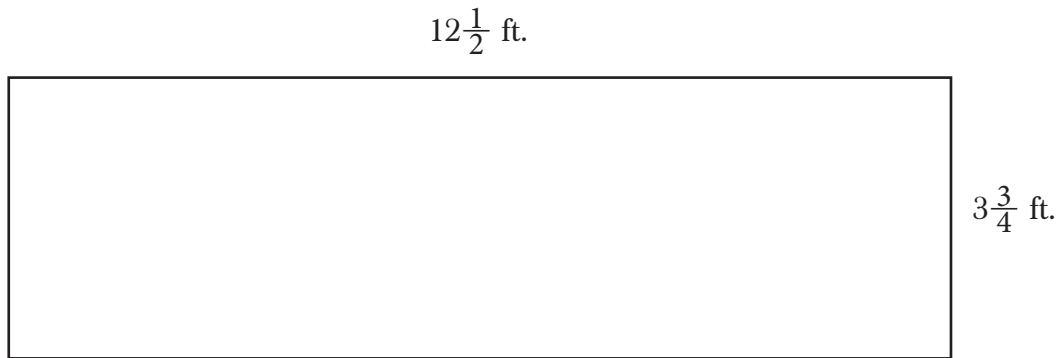
17d. $\frac{4}{3} + \frac{6}{4}$ Yes No

17e. $\frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{4}$ Yes No

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Posttest (cont.)

18. Find the area (in square feet) of the yard below.



19. Find the quotient.

$$24 \overline{)340}$$

20. Dwight is baking 6 dozen muffins for the bake sale. It takes $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cup of sugar for each dozen. How many cups of sugar does he need?

Answer Key

Pretest

1. B
2. Answers will vary. Possible answer: As she put the cash in my hand, I found myself saying, “Sure. I’d be glad to babysit with you anytime.”
3. Answers will vary. Possible answer: The sentence helps advance the plot because it shows how difficult and unpleasant the babysitting job was for the narrator.
- 4a. Answers may vary. Possible answer: children
- 4b. Answers may vary. Possible answer: the parents
5. A
- 6a. Answers will vary. Possible answer: The passage is told in the third person point of view, and the narrator’s point of view doesn’t influence the way events are described.
- 6b. Answers will vary. Possible answer: If it were told from Carlo’s point of view, it would probably include statements such as “My brother never lets me play video games with him” and “He is so mean.”
7. A and D
8. D
9. B
10. B
11. 310
- 12a. 132.5
- 12b. 47.8
- 12c. 22.5
- 12d. 118.5
- 13a. 4
- 13b. $\frac{4}{100}$
- 13c. 40
- 13d. $\frac{4}{10}$
14. 648 crayons
15. Drawings will vary, but can be any shape that encloses exactly 10 squares.
16. Answers will vary. The example should show a pentagon; the nonexample should show anything other than a pentagon.
- 17a. Yes
- 17b. No
- 17c. Yes
- 17d. No
- 17e. No
18. 38.25 ft.^2 or $38 \frac{1}{4} \text{ ft.}^2$
19. 15 R12
20. 6 cups

Posttest

1. D
2. Answers will vary. Possible answer: The flight is usually long and boring, but when I went this past summer, it was anything but boring.
3. Answers will vary. Possible answer: The sentence helps advance the plot because it shows how the events of this flight were different from normal.
- 4a. Answers may vary. Possible answer: go down
- 4b. Answers may vary. Possible answer: landed
5. A
- 6a. Answers will vary. Possible answer: The passage is told in the third person point of view, and the narrator’s point of view doesn’t influence the way events are described.
- 6b. Answers will vary. Possible answer: If it were told from Mrs. Cain’s point of view, it would probably include statements such as, “I knew when I saw her” and other more heart-wrenching descriptions.
7. B and C
8. C
9. A
10. B and D
11. 260
- 12a. 154.8
- 12b. 92.6
- 12c. 34.8
- 12d. 116.6
- 13a. 60
- 13b. $\frac{6}{10}$
- 13c. 6
- 13d. $\frac{6}{100}$
14. 432 tennis balls
15. Drawings will vary but can be any shape that encloses exactly 14 squares.
16. Answers will vary. The example figure should show an acute triangle; the nonexample should show any shape other than an acute triangle.
- 17a. Yes
- 17b. No
- 17c. Yes
- 17d. Yes
- 17e. No
18. 46.875 ft.^2 or $46 \frac{7}{8} \text{ ft.}^2$
19. 14 R4
20. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cups