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<http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/AIMS/Think-Throughs/default.asp>

READING

DIRECTIONS: Read this poem and then answer questions 1 through 4.

New Girl

The New Girl,
Clothes a calamity
Dress a fashion don't
Shoes just short of style.

5 Hair is a nightmare,
Too long, too short
Frizzy, flaky, spaghetti stringy
Mousy, ratty, porcupine spiky.

10 Can't walk or talk,
Gawky, graceless
Conversationally clueless,
Spastically sputters.

15 Looks all wrong,
Blemished complexion imperfection,
Metal-mouthed grimace,
Stocky, bulky, hulk.

Oh, how I wish I wasn't

The New Girl.

1 Which word **best** describes the mood of the passage?

- A hostile
- B friendly
- C hopeful
- D melancholy

- 2 In which stanza does the author describe the new girl's speech?
- A 3
 - B 4
 - C 8
 - D 10
- 3 Which of the following is an example of a metaphor?
- A Hair is a nightmare
 - B Can't walk or talk
 - C Looks all wrong
 - D The New Girl
- 4 Based on this passage, which of the following **best** describes the new girl's feelings?
- A confident
 - B immature
 - C frustrated
 - D fashionable

DIRECTIONS: Read this passage and then answer questions 5 through 11.

A Simple Lesson

“Another bad day at school, *m’ijo*¹?” my father asked as I came into the room.

“How could you tell? I didn’t slam the door or anything,” I replied. Over the past two months I had either slammed the door or thrown my backpack across the room every time I came home from school. Papa thinks it has something to do with moving to a new house.

“I know this move has been hard on you. Leaving your friends and cousins behind is tough,” Papa said, as he put his arm around my shoulder. “What you must remember is that, with a lot of hard work and some time, you will make new friends.”

“You don’t know how hard it is. This year my baseball team would have won the championship. They won’t even give me a chance to pitch here. All I get to play is right field, and that’s the worst!”

Papa turned toward me, “Things will get better, I promise you. Let me ask you, do you know why you were named David Lorenzo?”

“Yes, your name is David and grandfather’s name is Lorenzo.”

“Very good, and what makes your grandfather so important, *m’ijo*?”

“He was the first in the family to come to this country and all that,” I answered.

“That is only partly correct. Your grandfather was a very great man. In Mexico he had been a teacher. When he came to America he could only get manual labor jobs because he didn’t speak the language. It took him two years before he spoke English well enough to be allowed to teach here, but he did it. He never complained because he knew change could be difficult. Did he ever tell you that?” my father asked.

I looked down at my feet, ashamed at my behavior. “No. That must have been hard,” I said sheepishly.

“Your grandfather taught your uncles, aunt, and me that if you let people see your talent they will accept you for who you are. I remembered that lesson when I went off to college. When you were born I wanted my son to never forget that great man. I want you to always remember what my father taught me, even if it takes a few years for people to see who you are,” said Papa.

All I could say was, “Okay.” Then I asked, “What should I do now?”

Laughing, Papa said, “How about you pitch a few to me? Your curveball needs some work.”

¹. In Spanish, *m’ijo* (mē’ hō) is the colloquial form of *mi hijo*, meaning “my son”

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- 5 After reading “A Simple Lesson,” what can the reader infer about David?
- A He thinks his father lives in the past.
 - B He loves to play at the position of pitcher in baseball.
 - C He will continue to dislike school and his new home.
 - D He would rather live with his grandfather.
- 6 In “A Simple Lesson,” what does David **not** learn about his grandfather?
- A he spoke both English and Spanish
 - B he taught in both Mexico and America
 - C he played baseball when he lived in Mexico
 - D he did manual labor to support his family in America
- 7 Based on the passage, what does the word sheepishly mean?
- A slyly
 - B clumsily
 - C shyly
 - D slowly
- 8 According to the footnote, which of the following rhymes with *m'ijo*?
- A I go
 - B my toe
 - C see two
 - D we hoe

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- 9 In the passages “New Girl” and “A Simple Lesson,” which of the following is the common conflict?
- A person vs. person
 - B person vs. self
 - C person vs. nature
 - D person vs. society
- 10 Which of the following is **not** true of both “New Girl” and “A Simple Lesson?”
- A both deal with the same situation
 - B both have minor characters
 - C both deal with personal conflict
 - D both have the same setting
- 11 Which theme is common to both a “Simple Lesson” and “New Girl?”
- A appreciating one’s heritage
 - B enjoying school
 - C adjusting to new situations
 - D preparing for the future.

DIRECTIONS: Read this advertisement and then answer questions 12 through 16.

Huntington Housewares

Huntington Housewares is committed to bringing you the highest quality housewares at the lowest price. Dare to compare our prices to the prices of our competitors. You won't find better quality – or better prices – anywhere else! You can trust Huntington Housewares when you want the best.

| | <u>Our price</u> | <u>Compare at</u> |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Item 116371A Belgian Waffle Maker Nonstick coating makes clean-up a breeze Bake four Belgian waffles at once On/Off switch and ready light | \$69.99 | \$85.99 |
| Item 118472C Professional-Grade Home Coffee Maker Brew 8 cups of coffee at a time Stainless steel water tank, easy-to-use controls and brew light Programmable timer and automatic shutoff | \$99.99 | \$129.50 |
| Item 121646B Five-Speed Blender Wide, non-skid base 36 oz glass jar is dishwasher safe Pulse feature, stainless steel blades Brushed nickel finish | \$149.99 | \$199.99 |

Order Information:

To order by phone call our local customer service number: (602) 555-7112

To order Online go to our website: www.HuntingtonHW.com

To order by mail, fill out the order form on page 175 of the catalog and send it to:

Huntington Housewares
2625 Dalton St.
Carson, CA
90810

or fax your order to: (602) 555-7113

Payment Method:

All orders from individuals must be accompanied by payment or credit card information. We accept personal checks and major credit cards.

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- 12 According to the advertisement, where can the customer find an order form?
- A page 175 of the catalog
 - B Carson, California
 - C www.HuntingtonHW.com
 - D the telephone operator
- 13 In the passage, what methods of payment are **not** accepted?
- A VISA
 - B Master Card
 - C Cash
 - D Check
- 14 Betty has decided to buy the Belgian Waffle Maker. Which of the following resources would be the **most** helpful in finding information on maintaining the machine?
- A A brand name cook book
 - B Three-year guarantee
 - C Warranty contract
 - D Instructional manual
- 15 Which of the following is missing from the advertisement?
- A comparison prices
 - B description of items
 - C how to order using the catalog
 - D where to return items

- 16 What is the effect of the headings **Our price** and **Compare at**?
- A They offer basic information about ordering online.
 - B They indicate a preference for one company.
 - C They explain how to make a credit card purchase.
 - D They help the reader understand product differences.

DIRECTIONS: Read this letter and then answer questions 17 through 23.

November 19, 2009

Supermart
11324 E. Maple Street
Peoria, AZ 85307

Dear Mr. King:

Your grocery store is outstanding in many ways. I enjoy the selection of produce and fresh bakery items. I have been a long time Supermart shopper and hope to continue for many years. I have found, however, that I must make a separate shopping trip to one of your competitors because there are many items your store does not carry. This becomes inconvenient for me, as my time is valuable, and I do not like to make two trips. Your low prices and excellent customer service keep me coming back to Supermart, but I would be a more satisfied customer if I could find all the items I need in one place.

Specifically, I have never been able to purchase nacho cheese soup at your store. I can find other flavors of soup, but your store does not carry nacho cheese soup, a common ingredient in many of my casserole recipes. In addition, I can only find large wonton wrappers, while many other stores carry both large and small and offer a more varied selection for their customers. Another example is Regent Brand Chili Seasoning. Though it is not a leading brand, it is still common on the shelves of other grocery stores in this area and is superior in flavor to its peers.

I sincerely hope to continue a relationship with your store, and I hope that you will consider the possibility of expanding your inventory to be more competitive.

Yours truly,

Bob Watson

Bob Watson

- 17 According to the letter, which of the following will the writer **most** likely do?
- A wait for a response
 - B find another place to shop
 - C shop for bakery items only
 - D recommend the store to friends

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- 18 Which of the following is the **best** definition of the word “produce” as used in the letter?
- A create
 - B soup and cheese
 - C provide for sale
 - D fruits and vegetables
- 19 After reading this passage, the reader can infer that Bob Watson is
- A an impatient customer
 - B an excellent baker
 - C interested in cooking
 - D a seventh grade student
- 20 In the passage, which of the following is an example of a fact?
- A I have never been able to purchase nacho cheese soup at your store.
 - B Your grocery store is outstanding in many ways.
 - C Regent Brand Chili Seasoning is superior in flavor to its peers.
 - D My time is valuable.
- 21 In this passage, which of the following is **not** an example of the letter writer’s purpose for writing the letter?
- A to ask for a special seasoning
 - B to request a price reduction
 - C to identify concerns
 - D to compliment the store

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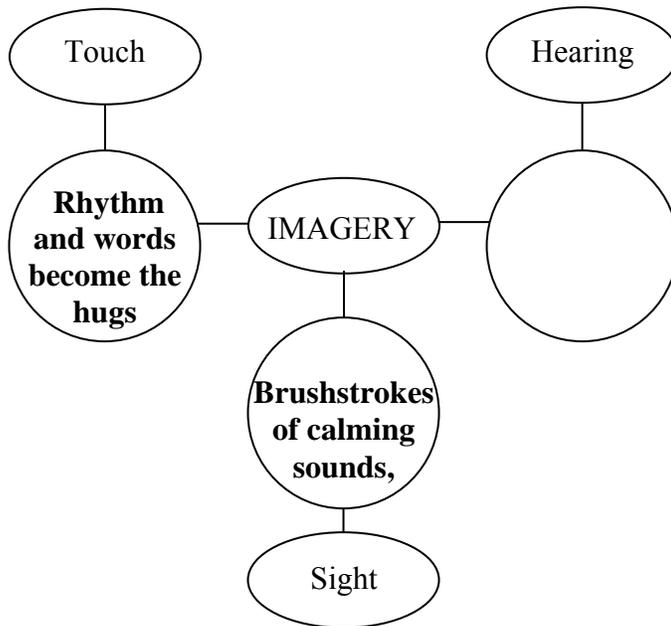
- 22** In this passage which of the following details support the author's argument?
- A** There are many items your store does not carry.
 - B** I sincerely hope to continue a relationship with your store.
 - C** I enjoy the selection of produce and fresh bakery items.
 - D** Your low prices and excellent customer service keep me coming back.
- 23** What does the author want the reader to do?
- A** stock the items he finds at other stores
 - B** match his competitors' prices
 - C** increase the selection in the bakery
 - D** sell fresher produce

DIRECTIONS: Read this poem and then answer questions 24 through 27.

Music is My Secret Best Friend.

- ¹ Music blaring, chasing my sadness.
Rhythm and words become the hugs
Offer comfort; offer love.
- ⁴ Music caressing, filling the void.
Melodic sounds of soothing notes,
Offer relief; offer hope.
- ⁷ Music playing, providing the canvas.
Brushstrokes of calming sounds,
Offer revival; offer reality.
- ¹⁰ Music creating, inventing my reasons
To survive and flourish and never look back.
- ¹² Music is my secret best friend.
- 24** An example of repetition is illustrated with which group of lines?
- A lines 1, 2, 8
B lines 1, 3, 7
C lines 3, 6, 9
D lines 2, 4, 6
- 25** Based on the poem, how does the author feel about music?
- A music should not be played loudly
B music is an escape from reality
C music blocks creativity
D music helps relieve problems

- 26 Look at the graphic organizer.



What phrase **best** completes the graphic organizer?

- A Music creating, inventing my reasons
- B Melodic sounds of soothing notes,
- C To survive and flourish and never look back.
- D Music caressing, filling the void

| Item Number | Correct Answer | Performance Objective |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | D | 2-1-6 |
| 2 | A | 2-1-7 |
| 3 | A | 2-1-7 |
| 4 | C | 2-1-3 |
| 5 | B | 2-1-6 |
| 6 | C | 2-2-1 |
| 7 | C | 1-4-2 |
| 8 | D | 1-4-5 |
| 9 | B | 2-2-2 |
| 10 | B | 2-2-2 |
| 11 | C | 2-1-2 |
| 12 | A | 3-2-1 |
| 13 | C | 3-2-2 |
| 14 | D | 1-6-5 |
| 15 | D | 3-2-2 |
| 16 | B | 3-1-8 |
| 17 | A | 1-6-7 |
| 18 | D | 1-4-3 |
| 19 | C | 3-1-10 |
| 20 | A | 3-1-3 |
| 21 | B | 3-1-4 |
| 22 | A | 3-3-2 |
| 23 | A | 3-3-1 |
| 24 | C | 2-1-7 |
| 25 | D | 2-1-3 |
| 26 | B | 1-6-4 |
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