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**Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer. (10 points)

1. Douglass uses a large number of rhetorical questions to

- A. get answers to his many questions
- B. make his listeners feel sorry
- C. suggest that the answers are obvious
- D. get his listeners to take action

2. Douglass's statement that "there is not a man beneath the canopy of heaven that does not know that slavery is wrong for him" is

- A. a commonplace assertion
- B. an opinion
- C. a factual claim
- D. a counterargument

3. Why does Douglass call the celebration of July 4th a "sham"?

- A. The colonies had to fight to win their freedom from the British.
- B. The nation celebrates its freedom at a time when many people have no freedom.
- C. The nation is based on Christian principles.
- D. The manhood of slaves is not contested

4. It is likely that the adjutant in "I Saw Old General at Bay" looks "very grave" in line 6 because

- A. the volunteers' mission is very dangerous
- B. he believes that the General's plan is wrong
- C. he also wants to volunteer to run enemy lines
- D. the volunteers misunderstand their instruction

5. What quality of the army seems to impress the speaker the most in "I Saw Old General at Bay?"

- A. brilliant military planning
- B. expressions of seriousness
- C. recognition of an emergency
- D. loyalty in dire circumstances

6. In Pandora's Box, the god Zeus shows human anger. What is an aspect of anger that his behavior highlights?
- A. Only gods have the right to become angry.
  - B. Becoming angry leads to unexpected results.
  - C. Someone who is angry can do cruel things.
  - D. Only good results ever come from anger."
7. Pandora's guilty feelings reveal the idea that you can hurt others if you make the human error of
- A. ignoring any advice you get
  - B. accepting a gift without giving one
  - C. thinking only of what you desire to do
  - D. falling in love with someone beautiful
8. What universal theme does "The Wise Old Woman" express when the mother says that her son must take her to the mountain to save himself?
- A. People will do anything to avoid unfair punishment.
  - B. It is important to obey the laws invented by unfair rulers.
  - C. Family members should love and protect one another.
  - D. Being young is more important than being old but wise.
9. The son and his wife in "The Old Grandfather and His Little Grandson" respond to their shame over their treatment of the grandfather by
- A. inviting him back to the table for meals
  - B. asking the grandfather to play with Misha
  - C. teaching Misha carefully how to treat others
  - D. taking all of the wooden bowls out of the house
10. Which phrase most expresses the difficult time the ship has had in "O Captain! My Captain!"?
- A. "O Captain!"
  - B. "our fearful trip"
  - C. "prize we sought"
  - D. "the bells I hear"

## Vocabulary Practice (10 Points)

Disparity	Fraud	prosperity
Entitled	Grievous	Sham
Adorn	Ensnare	restrain
deceive	arrogant	subtle
	bewilderment	
	haughtily	

1. The hikers were left with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ after they followed the map but couldn't find their campsite.
2. Evan behaved so \_\_\_\_\_ because he believed that he was the most important person on the face of the earth.
3. The merchant tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the tourists by telling them that the cheap, metal bracelets were made of gold
4. The customer displayed a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ attitude once he was told the shoes were not available in his size.
5. The police officer parked behind a bush in order to \_\_\_\_\_ drivers who had been running the stop sign.
6. Derrick had to \_\_\_\_\_ his dog when a cat ran out in front of them while he was walking her.
7. Although the two artists had similar styles, the tour guide at the museum was able to point out \_\_\_\_\_ the differences between them.
8. Maria's mom liked to \_\_\_\_\_ their home with fresh flowers picked from her garden.

**Directions: Circle the word in each group that has the opposite meaning of the boldfaced word.**

1. adorn      deface      search      forgive      mislead
2. ensnare      tolerate      assist      release      delay
3. restrain      anger      force      display      loosen
4. subtle      quick      obvious      familiar      sensitive

**Written Response**

**Short Response** Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the articles. Write one to two sentences on a separate sheet of paper. (10 points)

1. How does the speaker in "O Captain! My Captain!" feel about the crowd's actions in the final stanza of the poem?

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2. What is one thing that the ship has accomplished in stanza 1 of "O Captain! My Captain!"?

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3. What is Douglass's explanation for not celebrating the Fourth of July?

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4. How does the sting of Malice affect the relationship between Epimetheus and Pandora? Include one detail from the myth in your response.

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5. According to the stories (Old Grand Father and His Little Grandson/Wise Old Woman), what type of influence do parents have on their children? Support your response with details from the stories

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**Analyse the below poem.**

**alliteration:** the giggling, gossiping girls

**assonance:** the mile-high sky

**consonance:** dark black ink

**onomatopoeia:** plop, buzz, murmur

### **Jungle Dreams**

On hot, wet nights

I make my way into a world of dripping green.

Plodding, I slog through bogs of mud

To a river's edge where the dark marsh trees

Sway their silvery fronds and lean

Over the rushing water's hush.

I pause at the shore,

And feel the fragrant, flowered breath Of night and the forest upon my skin

. Deep in the jungle, the cackles and cries

Of birds perched high above earth and mire

Comfort my hectic heart like a hymn.

The jungle sings with a seeking voice

To those whose souls thirst for a land

Where the air hangs in tangled strands Of rain.

Where trees, teeming with green, Rock gently as their leaves whisper

Lullabies of primordial dreams

## Reading

Read the article below and answer the following questions.

### **Australian Agricultural Innovations: 1850 – 1900**

During this period, there was a wide spread expansion of agriculture in Australia. The selection system was begun, whereby small sections of land were parceled out by lot. Particularly in New South Wales, this led to conflicts between small holders and the emerging squatter class, whose abuse of the system often allowed them to take vast tracts of fertile land.

There were also many positive advances in farming technology as the farmers adapted agricultural methods to the harsh Australian conditions. One of the most important was “dry farming”. This was the discovery that repeated ploughing of fallow, unproductive land could preserve nitrates and moisture, allowing the land to eventually be cultivated. This, along with the extension of the railways allowed the development of what are now great inland wheat lands.

Multiple choice-choose the correct answer (10 marks)

1. What is dry farming?

- A. *Preserving nitrates and moisture*
- B. *Ploughing the land again and again.*
- C. *Cultivating fallow land.*

2. What did H. V. McKay do?

- A. *Export the stripper*
- B. *Improve the stripper.*
- C. *Cut, collect and sort wheat.*

3. What was the stump jump plough’s innovation?

- A. *It could cut through tree stumps.*
- B. *To put the plough shear on wheels. To put the plough shear on wheels.*
- C. *It allowed farmers to cultivate land that hadn’t been fully cleared.*

4. What did John Custance recommend?

- A. *Improving wheat yields.*
- B. *Revitalising the industry.*
- C. *Fertilizing the soil.*

5. Why was William Farrer’s wheat better?

- A. *It was drought resistant.*
- B. *It wasn’t from England or South Africa.*
- C. *It was drier for Australian conditions.*

## Chilies

Chilies originate in South America and have been eaten for at least 9,500 years. Organised cultivation began around 5,400BC. Christopher Columbus was the first European to encounter chilies, when he landed on the island of Hispaniola in 1492. He thought it was a type of pepper and called it the “red pepper”, a name still used today. After their introduction to Europe they were an immediate sensation and were quickly incorporated into the diet. From there they spread to Africa, India and East Asia.

The reason for the chili’s “hotness” lies in a chemical called Capsaisin. Capsaisin causes temporary irritation to the trigeminal cells, which are the pain receptors in the mouth, nose and throat. After the pain messages are transmitted to the brain, endorphins, natural pain killers, are released and these not only kill the pain but give the chili eater a short lived natural high. Other side effects include: an increased heart rate, a running nose and increased salivation and sweating, which can have a cooling effect in hot climates.

The reason for the presence of Capsaisin is thought to be to deter animals from eating the fruit. Only mammals feel the burning effects; birds feel nothing. As birds are a better method of distributing the seeds, which pass intact through their guts, Capsaisin would seem to be a result of natural selection.

The smaller chilies tend to be the hottest. This may reflect the fact that they tend to grow closer to the ground and are therefore more vulnerable to animals. The heat of a chili is measured on the Scoville scale. The hottest types such as the Habenero and the Scotch Bonnet rate between 100,000 and 300,000, the world famous Tabasco sauce rates at 15,000 to 30,000, about the same as the Thai prik kee nu, while the popular Jalapeno is between 5,000 and 15,000. Powdered chili is 500 to 1,000 and the mild capsicins and paprikas can range between 100 and 0.

*Do the following statements agree with the views of the writer in the reading passage write True-False-Not given (10 marks)*

### Question 1

Chilies became popular as soon as they were brought into Europe

### Question 2

Capsaisin damages the mouth

### Question 3

Chilies can be part of a birds diet

### Question 4

All large chilies grow high off the ground

### Question 5

People breed chilies for their heat

*Reading passage 3*

## **European Settlement of Australia**

European settlement of Australia began in 1788 when a British penal colony was established on the east coast. From this starting point Australia grew rapidly and continually, expanding across the entire continent.

A number of reasons contributed to Britain's decision to colonise Australia. The most important factor was Britain's need to relieve its overcrowded prisons. Several violent incidents at overcrowded prisons convinced the British government of the need to separate unruly elements from the rest of the prison populace.

Additionally, Australia was of strategic importance to Britain, and it provided a base for the Royal Navy in the eastern sea. Also, Australia could be used as an entry point to the economic opportunities of the surrounding region. All these points figured in the decision by Lord Sydney, secretary of state of home affairs, to authorise the colonisation.

To this effect, on May 13, 1787, Captain Arthur Phillip, commanding eleven ships full of convicts, left Britain for Australia. He successfully landed a full fleet at Botany Bay on January 18, 1788. However, they left the bay eight days later because of its openness and poor soil, and settled instead at Port Jackson, a few kilometres north. The ships landed 1,373 people, including 732 convicts, and the settlement became Sydney. Australia Day is now celebrated on 26 January each year, to commemorate this first fleet landing.

***Read the article then complete these sentences.(10 marks)***

- 1. Australia was originally founded as a.....*
- 2. The major consideration in colonizing Australia was Britain's .....*
- 3. It was thought that.....could be gained in that part of the world due to the access provided via Australia.*
- 4. Lord Sydney took every factor into account when he gave official permission for the..... of Australia.*
- 5. Botany Bay was abandoned by the settlers due to the lack of cover and .....*