

English MP 1 Exam

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Period 1

VOCABULARY

Directions: Put the number of the word in Column B that is the corrections definition of the word in Column A on the line provided.

COLUMN A

COLUMN B

___ ADVANTAGE

1. DONE BY HAND

___ BLEND

2. DONE IN A SYSTEMATIC WAY

___ CONTORTED

3. A BENEFIT, GAIN, OR PROFIT

___ DILEMMA

4. TWISTED OR DISTORTED

___ FABULOUS

5. A DIFFICULT PROBLEM

___ MANUAL

6. TO HAPPEN AT THE SAME TIME

___ METHODICAL

7. TO MIX SMOOTHLY TOGETHER

___ PAMPERING

8. TO CONSIDER THOUGHTFULLY

___ PONDERING

9. EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD

___ SYNCHRONIZED

10. TREATING WITH EXTRA ATTENTION

READING PASSAGES

Directions: Read the stories below and answer the questions that follow.

**Fishing with Grandpa Leon
By Stan Lee**

Ronan was beside himself with excitement. He was ten years old and his Grandpa Leon was finally going to take him fishing. Grandpa Leon claimed to be “a fishing expert, practically a professional angler.”

He told Ronan that he’d caught giant marlin and huge tuna, and that he had many adventurous stories to tell.

He promised he’d supply all the fishing gear: rods, reels, hooks, bait, buckets, and plenty of food, too.

All Ronan had to do was to be ready promptly at 6 AM.

As it happened, it was good Grandpa Leon brought plenty of food because grandfather and grandson had plenty of time to eat it. The fish simply weren’t biting. “They’re napping,” he informed Ronan, knowingly.

No nibbles left plenty of time for Grandpa Leon’s elaborate fish stories. In fact, it was during one of those tall tales that Ronan suddenly felt a sharp tug on his line. “I’ve got something really huge!” he shouted.

“Hold tight, I’ll help,” Grandpa Leon replied, reaching over and grabbing the rod. Together, they tugged on the line that held what promised to be a colossal, prize-winning fish. Finally, they reeled in their catch—a tattered leather suitcase, heavy with sand.

“How about that, Ronan—the first suitcase of the day!” Grandpa Leon exclaimed, adding, “You can’t say it wasn’t a big catch.

Directions: Circle the best answer.

1. Which best describes what anglers do?

- a. They tell stories.
- b. They draw angles.
- c. They fish with rods and reels.
- d. They supply food.

2. Which best describes Grandpa Leon?

- a. He is confident and cheerful.
- b. He is very famous.
- c. He doesn’t like to joke around.
- d. He is cranky and strict.

3. What was surprising about Grandpa Leon’s reaction to catching a suitcase?

**The Record Setter
By Susan Summers**

My brother, Alex, is generally considered to be a reliable, clever, thoughtful fellow. I say “generally” because of things like what he’s doing right now.

Picture this and you’ll understand. While I, Nate, sit here playing a video game and texting with half my friends—two perfectly normal things to be doing for amusement—what is he occupied with? Alex is standing over there, counting softly to himself 79, 80, 81, 82. . .while he repeatedly bats a rubber ball attached by an elastic string to a wooden paddle. This is nonsensical behavior, is it not?

You might think I'm being too hard on Alex, as brothers sometimes can be to one another. On the contrary, I'm being lenient. You see, this time it's paddle-ball batting, but the last time—and I refer to just a few weeks ago—the challenge was standing on his head for as long as he could, with a timer set up on the rug.

Of course, he had to read it upside down, but I suppose he got better at it day by day.

Maybe he should've put the timer upside down, too.

Frankly, I'm getting a bit concerned. What if one of his goofy pals introduces him to alligator wrestling?

Or what if he gets enticed to take up tightrope walking from skyscraper to skyscraper?

I tell you, for Alex, these ideas are not too far-fetched!

- 1. To amuse himself, Nate likes to
 - a. wrestle alligators
 - b. play table tennis
 - c. play video games
 - d. praise his brother

- 2. Which is a synonym for lenient?
 - a. easygoing
 - b. critical
 - c. loving
 - d. harsh

3. Imagine Alex describing Nate. How might the story be different?

SHORT RESPONSE QUESTIONS

Directions: Answer the following questions from our class readings.

SALEM'S LOT

1. Who is Sue Norton and why does Mark team up with her?

I, ROBOT

2. What is the First Law? Based on the details from the story, do you believe The Brain will obey it? Why or why not?

DOUBLE FACE

3. Agree or Disagree. Mrs. Jong believes that Chinese culture has had a big impact on her daughter, Waverly's, life. Use details from the story to support your response.
