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Reading and Language Skills Assessment Posttest

Distant Voyages/Theme 4

Name _____ Date _____

SKILL AREA	Criterion Score	Pupil Score	Pupil Strength
VOCABULARY			
Word Relationships	3/4	_____	_____
Classify/Categorize	3/4	_____	_____
COMPREHENSION			
Fact and Opinion	3/4	_____	_____
LANGUAGE	7/10	_____	_____
Reflexive Pronouns			
Adjectives and Articles			
Proper Adjectives			
Comparing with Adjectives			
Main and Helping Verbs			
TOTAL SCORE	16/22	_____	_____

Were accommodations made in administering this test? Yes No

Type of accommodations: _____

VOCABULARY: Word Relationships

Directions: Fill in the answer circle in front of the correct answer for each question.

1. Read the sentence.

Dad uses a wire brush to clean his metal tools.

In which sentence does the word brush mean the same thing as in the sentence above?

- (A) You should brush your teeth after every meal.
- (B) The foolhardy adventurer had a close brush with disaster.
- (C) I felt the cat brush against my leg as it ran from the room.
- (D) The household cleaning product comes with a sturdy brush.

2. Read the sentence.

I need more light to work.

In which sentence does the word light mean the same thing as in the sentence above?

- (A) Would you please light the campfire?
- (B) There isn't enough light outside to play football.
- (C) Janell is wearing a beautiful light blue sweater.
- (D) The ballet dancer is quick and light on her feet.

3. In which sentence is the underlined *homophone* used **incorrectly**?

- (A) The stray dog is weak from lack of food.
- (B) Were you able to here what the speaker said?
- (C) You should write each answer in the space provided.
- (D) Latrelle is going to try out for the soccer team, too.

4. In which sentence is the underlined *homophone* used **incorrectly**?

- (A) The valuable painting is on lone from another museum.
- (B) The trail riders rode from dawn until dusk.
- (C) The moon shone like silver on the still surface of the sea.
- (D) My parents will pick us up in two hours.

VOCABULARY: Classify/Categorize

Directions: Fill in the answer circle in front of the correct answer for each question.

5. Which word best includes the others?

- (A) pine
- (B) elm
- (C) tree
- (D) oak

6. Which word best includes the others?

- (A) sorrow
- (B) emotion
- (C) joy
- (D) fear

7. Which word does **not** belong?

- (A) concrete
- (B) tin
- (C) iron
- (D) copper

8. How are the words *mourn* and *celebrate* related?

- (A) They are synonyms.
- (B) They are antonyms.
- (C) They are homophones.
- (D) They are homographs.

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COMPREHENSION: Fact and Opinion

Directions: Read the passage. Fill in the answer circle in front of the correct answer for each question.

Some people say that you can't compare apples and oranges, but that's not true. Comparing apples with oranges is easy! First, look at their color. Oranges come in only the color orange. *Nobody* likes the color orange! Apples, on the other hand, come in many beautiful, eye-pleasing shades. There are green apples and yellow apples, red apples and yellowish-red apples. There are deep red apples and light red apples. To sum it up, *everyone* loves the colors of apples.

There are also different kinds of apples on grocery store shelves. You can buy red Delicious, golden Delicious, Jonathan, Granny Smith, Winesap, or several other kinds of apples. Red Delicious apples taste best. In the grocery stores in my town, oranges usually come in just two varieties: seedless or seeded.

Next, let's compare ease of eating. An orange has an ugly, thick rind on the outside. You have to peel off the rind to get to the part you eat. That's too much work to do just to get a bite of fruit. Apples, by contrast, can be eaten without being peeled. You can just bite right in.

Oranges and apples are similar in some ways. Both fruits were brought to this country from Europe. Apples were brought to us from England, and oranges were brought from Spain and Portugal. Both fruits can be sweet and juicy, and both fruits can be used to make juice. It is clear from the comparison done here, though, that apples are better than oranges in every way.

9. Which of these is an **opinion** from the passage?
- (A) There are different kinds of apples on grocery store shelves.
 - (B) Red Delicious apples taste best.
 - (C) In my town, oranges usually come in two varieties: seedless or seeded.
 - (D) There are deep red apples and light red apples.

COMPREHENSION: Fact and Opinion (continued)

10. Which of these is a **fact** from the passage?

- Ⓐ Comparing apples with oranges is easy!
- Ⓑ *Nobody* likes the color orange!
- Ⓒ An orange has an ugly, thick rind on the outside.
- Ⓓ Apples can be eaten without being peeled.

11. Which of these is an **opinion** from the passage?

- Ⓐ *Everyone* loves the colors of apples.
- Ⓑ You can buy Jonathan, Winesap, or other kinds of apples.
- Ⓒ Both fruits can be used to make juice.
- Ⓓ Both fruits were brought to this country from Europe.

12. Which of these is a **fact** from the passage?

- Ⓐ Apples come in beautiful, eye-pleasing shades.
- Ⓑ That's too much work to do to get a bite of fruit.
- Ⓒ Apples were brought to us from England.
- Ⓓ Apples are better than oranges in every way.

LANGUAGE

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.

13. Which **reflexive pronoun** correctly completes this sentence?
When riding in a car, you must always wear your seatbelt to protect _____ in case an accident occurs.

(A) themselves
(B) yourself
(C) itself
(D) myself

14. Which **reflexive pronoun** correctly completes this sentence?
The copying machine will turn _____ off to save energy.

(A) itself
(B) himself
(C) ourselves
(D) herself

Directions: Choose the underlined word in each sentence that is an **adjective**.

15. Jana put on comfortable shoes for the hike through the park.

(A) put
(B) comfortable
(C) shoes
(D) park

16. Trees towered above the floor of the tropical forest.

(A) towered
(B) floor
(C) tropical
(D) forest

LANGUAGE (continued)

Directions: Choose the **adjective** that should be capitalized in each sentence.

17. The museum in our small city has a fine collection of african art that attracts many visitors.

- (A) small
- (B) fine
- (C) african
- (D) many

18. In 1585, Sir Walter Raleigh founded England's first colony on the north american continent, but the colony failed because the settlers were unprepared and did not know how to survive in their new environment.

- (A) first
- (B) north american
- (C) unprepared
- (D) new

Directions: Choose the form of the **adjective** that best completes each sentence.

19. I am feeling _____ today than I felt yesterday.

- (A) badder
- (B) worse
- (C) most bad
- (D) worser

20. Some people feel that football is a _____ game to watch than baseball.

- (A) more exciting
- (B) most exciting
- (C) more excitinger
- (D) most excite

LANGUAGE (continued)

Directions: Choose the **helping verb** that best completes the verb phrase.

21. After lunch, we _____ hike to the top of the mountain.

- Ⓐ had
- Ⓑ is
- Ⓒ am
- Ⓓ will

22. I _____ assembled all the materials I need to make my model volcano.

- Ⓐ am
- Ⓑ is
- Ⓒ have
- Ⓓ do