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1	A is correct because paragraph 4 states that the brain has the ability to ignore quick flashes of darkness (blinks) and does not interpret it as an interruption of sight.	B is incorrect because there is no evidence in the selection that indicates blinking relaxes the eyes.	C is incorrect because the selection does not discuss that removing the eye's dust bothers people.	D is incorrect because the selection does not indicate that vision is interrupted while the brain processes information.
2	F is incorrect because the section does not explain how blinking is affected by electronic devices.	G is correct because each paragraph in the section describes a factor that affects blink rate.	H is incorrect because the section does not describe the benefits babies and adults get from blinking.	J is incorrect because the section does not explain which parts of the eye are responsible for blinking.
3	A is correct because three different muscles are labeled that control eye movement compared to one muscle for the eyelid.	B is incorrect because the strength of the muscles is not illustrated in the diagram labels.	C is incorrect because the diagram labels do not include details about the benefits of blinking.	D is incorrect because the diagram does not include details about blinking.
4	F is incorrect because the statement does not support the idea that blinking is automatic.	G is correct because a person's automatic responses like blinking and a beating heart go unnoticed as they occur.	H is incorrect because the statement does not support the idea that blinking is automatic.	J is incorrect because the statement does not support the idea that blinking is automatic.
5	A is incorrect because the sentence does not explain how blink rate is affected by staring at a computer screen.	B is incorrect because the sentence does not explain how blink rate is affected by staring at a computer screen.	C is correct because the sentence explains how concentrating on a task affects blink rate.	D is incorrect because the sentence focuses on not looking at something.
6	F is incorrect because definition 1 does not match the way "violated" is used in paragraph 24.	G is correct because the context clue "privacy" shows that violate means to interfere with Deanna's right to privacy.	H is incorrect because definition 3 does not match the way "violated" is used in paragraph 24.	J is incorrect because definition 4 does not match the way "violated" is used in paragraph 24.
7	A is incorrect because Jonathan's comments in scene 1 all justify his reason for reading the diary.	B is incorrect because Jonathan does not speak about spending time with Deanna in scene 1.	C is incorrect because Jonathan's dialogue does not indicate interest in Deanna's life.	D is correct because Jonathan's justifications for reading the diary imply he didn't feel there was any harm in reading it.
8	F is incorrect because it includes only some of the details from scene 1.	G is correct because it briefly illustrates all of the major details from scene 1.	H is incorrect because it includes only some of the details from scene 1.	J is incorrect because it focuses on only some of the details from scene 1.
9	A is incorrect because the play does not mention ideas for dealing with stress or how writing can be helpful.	B is incorrect because the play does not address keeping secrets.	C is incorrect because the apology is not a main theme.	D is correct because the play is about a sibling relationship and one sibling's wish to spend more time together.
10	F is incorrect because in scene 2 the siblings become less demanding and judgmental.	G is incorrect because in scene 2 the siblings become less confused and suspicious.	H is correct because the dialogue becomes more honest and serious as the siblings negotiate their future behavior.	J is incorrect because in scene 2 the siblings become less tense and angry.
11	A is incorrect because the conflict is not resolved by Jonathon apologizing.	B is incorrect because the conflict is not resolved by Deanna's explanation of having too many commitments.	C is correct because the conflict is Jonathan's wish to spend more time with Deanna.	D is incorrect because the conflict is not resolved by the location of Deanna's diary.
12	F is incorrect because Patrick thinks he can keep the girls entertained with a movie, not with styling their hair.	G is incorrect because Patrick thinks babysitting will be easy but never provides reasons he thinks he is a good babysitter.	H is incorrect because there is no text to support that Patrick would not get along with the girls.	J is correct because Patrick states that babysitting should be simple.

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13	A is incorrect because the girls are more interested in tormenting him than watching a movie.	B is incorrect because Patrick rubbed his leg that was "jammed" under the table and suggests playing something else.	C is correct because when Patrick braids the girls' hair, he felt impressed with his handiwork.	D is incorrect because Patrick has already become more positive by the time he pretends to attack the dragon.
14	F is incorrect because it only includes some of the details from paragraphs 12 through 16.	G is correct because it briefly illustrates all of the major details from paragraphs 12 through 16.	H is incorrect because it includes only some of the details from paragraphs 12 through 16.	J is incorrect because it includes only some of the details from paragraphs 12 through 16.
15	A is incorrect because the girls do not have food in their hair.	B is incorrect because the girls' hair is not wet.	C is incorrect because Patrick's interest in cooking dinner is not stated in paragraph 10.	D is correct because Patrick has a hard time braiding the girls' hair.
16	F is incorrect because the ice-skating has nothing to do with how Emily felt about living in Texas.	G is correct because Emily wants to be reminded of Texas by the cactus.	H is incorrect because the selection did not discuss Emily learning how to roller-skate.	J is incorrect because noticing the difference in weather does not indicate if Emily enjoyed living in Texas.
17	A is correct because Emily makes careful turns so she wouldn't stumble any longer.	B is incorrect because Emily is not making exciting turns.	C is incorrect because Emily is being careful not to fall while making one turn, not multiple turns.	D is incorrect because Emily is being careful not to fall.
18	F is incorrect because Emily's reasons for bringing Charlie is part of her thoughts and feelings.	G is incorrect because the actions of Emily with Kyle and Kristin are part of Emily's observations, thoughts, and feelings.	H is correct because first-person point of view includes only Emily's observations, thoughts, and feelings.	J is incorrect because the dialogue between Kyle and Kristin is part of Emily's observations.
19	A is incorrect because there is no text evidence to support that Emily is thinking about falling on a hard pond.	B is incorrect because there is no text evidence to support that Emily realizes the value of learning to skate.	C is correct because the imagery describes the beauty of the snow.	D is incorrect because the imagery is describing beauty, not that the snow is too bright.
20	F is correct because both Patrick and Emily change their attitude from reluctance to optimism.	G is incorrect because the selections do not describe mistakes the characters make.	H is incorrect because Emily did not perform a task that earns her recognition.	J is incorrect because Emily does not focus on the needs of others.
21	A is incorrect because the sentences refer to each character rethinking a plan.	B is incorrect because the sentences refer to each character rethinking a plan.	C is incorrect because the sentences refer to each character rethinking a plan.	D is correct because for Patrick babysitting was not as easy as he thought it would be and Emily realized she couldn't plant Charlie in the snowy weather.
22	F is incorrect because Patrick does not feel worried.	G is incorrect because Patrick does not feel doubtful about his abilities.	H is correct because both Emily and Patrick are unhappy, and by the end of the stories they enjoy themselves.	J is incorrect because the characters are pleased with the events that occur.
23	A is incorrect because the sentence shows Patrick regretting his situation.	B is incorrect because the sentence describes something Patrick does not know how to do.	C is incorrect because the sentence does not show how Patrick feels.	D is correct because both Emily and Patrick change their focus to a more positive outlook.
24	F is correct because paragraph 4 states that WWII veteran Arnie Migliaccio imagined a better use of the airfield.	G is incorrect because WWII veteran Arnie Migliaccio came up with the idea.	H is incorrect because WWII veteran Arnie Migliaccio came up with the idea.	J is incorrect because WWII veteran Arnie Migliaccio came up with the idea.

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25	A is correct because this aligns with HARP's purpose of preserving and displaying old planes.	B is incorrect because learning aircraft maintenance skills does not align to HARP's purpose.	C is incorrect because this does not support HARP's purpose.	D is incorrect because this does not align to HARP's purpose.
26	F is incorrect because paragraph 8 is about an airplane, not a decorative accessory.	G is incorrect because paragraph 8 is about an airplane, not a gem.	H is correct because the PBY Catalina plane was the most highly valued plane in Hangar B.	J is incorrect because paragraph 8 is about an airplane, not a watch.
27	A is correct because the most active airport in the country would be considered great.	B is incorrect because the fact is about propeller planes, not an airfield.	C is incorrect because the fact is not about how great the airfield had been.	D is incorrect because the fact is about what planes were used for, not the specific airfield.
28	F is incorrect because an airfield is not a story.	G is correct because the airfield was a leftover from history.	H is incorrect because the airfield was not a machine.	J is incorrect because the airfield was not a discovery.
29	A is correct because it briefly illustrates all of the major details from the selection.	B is incorrect because it only includes some of the details from the selection.	C is incorrect because it only includes some of the details from the selection.	D is incorrect because it only includes some of the details from the selection.
30	F is incorrect because the stanzas do not refer to people coming in his room.	G is incorrect because the stanzas do not refer to the purpose of the desk.	H is correct because the stanzas refer to actions the speaker does in relation to the desk.	J is incorrect because the stanzas do not refer to where the speaker spends his time.
31	A is incorrect because the poem does not discuss how having your own room could make you feel independent.	B is correct because the desk is first described as cheap and flimsy. Later the desk becomes an important addition.	C is incorrect because stamps are only briefly mentioned, not throughout the poem.	D is incorrect because the only reference to mother is that she buys the desk.
32	F is incorrect because the speaker does not seem surprised by the sound.	G is incorrect because this option is not related to one of the senses.	H is correct because <i>thunk</i> is an example of onomatopoeia that helps the reader imagine the sound.	J is incorrect because this option is not related to one of the senses.
33	A is incorrect because the orange paint color is grouped with more negative references.	B is correct because people have been known to rub their hands over something they admire.	C is incorrect because bigger and deeper does not describe happiness.	D is incorrect because putting pencils inside the desk does not describe happiness.
34	F is incorrect because where the speaker prefers to be is not referenced in the poem.	G is incorrect because nothing in the poem suggests the speaker likes to collect stamps and maps.	H is correct because line 43 explains how the speaker's room feels now.	J is incorrect because the size of the drawer is referenced in lines 37 and 38.
35	A is correct because every paragraph explains how the photographer created the photographs.	B is incorrect because the author does not suggest that readers use the photographer's method.	C is incorrect because the author explains difficulties with the process in only one section of the selection.	D is incorrect because only part of the selection refers to patriotism.
36	F is incorrect because the selection does not refer to the soldiers looking in any particular direction.	G is correct because viewing the picture from above would provide the correct perspective.	H is incorrect because thousands of people were his subjects. It is not possible for Mole to see individuals in the large group.	J is incorrect because selecting participants was not connected to using a tower.
37	A is incorrect because the selection does not state that Mole has an interest in meeting the president.	B is incorrect because the selection does not state that Mole has a specific interest in using soldiers as his subjects.	C is incorrect because the selection does not refer to Mole's admiration of other artists.	D is correct because paragraph 2 states Mole's interest in expressing his love for the country led to his decision to create the photographs.

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38	F is incorrect because the photograph does not indicate any details about the photographer and his other pictures.	G is incorrect because the reader has no way of knowing the length of time it took to arrange the subjects in the photograph.	H is incorrect because the reader has no way of knowing the length of time it took to participate in the photograph.	J is correct because you can see that there are fewer individual people in the bottom of the picture.
39	A is correct because each sentence in paragraph 4 describes a step in Mole's process.	B is incorrect because paragraph 4 does not discuss the success of Mole's photographs.	C is incorrect because paragraph 4 does not compare Mole's artistic method from one piece to another.	D is incorrect because paragraph 4 does not describe Mole's challenges while working.
40	F is incorrect because admiration for President Wilson is not discussed throughout the selection.	G is incorrect because John Thomas is discussed in only paragraph 4.	H is correct because Mole's interest in expressing American pride is developed throughout the selection.	J is incorrect because other people's expressions of patriotism is not discussed in the selection.