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ELEMENTARY

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
GRADE 3	**Question** What is the most likely reason the author wrote this selection? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 26 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The ather wrote this selection because they think referees are so importent. In paragraph 4 it talks about how the referees keep the players safe when hert. TEA p. 33 · Response 3	**Question** What claim does the author make in the selection? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 26 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The claim that the author made in the selection is that making art gardens is good for you because the text states“ It builds strength in communities”. TEA p. 30 · Response 3	**Question** What is the most likely reason the author wrote the article “More Than Air”? Support your answer with evidence from the article. TEA p. 24 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The author wrote it because he/she wanted to tell everyone about super cool wind instruments and cool things about them. The author told good facts like “Conch shells are likely the worlds first wind instruments.” The author showed that wind instruments are so cool. TEA p. 28 · Response 2
GRADE 4	**Question** What can the reader infer about Richard from lines 5 through 10? Support your answer with evidence from the play. TEA p. 28 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The reader can infer that richard is very rood. In paragraph 5 Richard said “my sqush is worth more. TEA p. 33 · Response 3	**Question** What is the main problem in the story? Support your answer with evidence from the story. TEA p. 27 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The main problem in the story is that Robin hates winter and in the story it says“I dread winter,” complained Robin.” TEA p. 31 · Response 2	**Question** What can the reader infer about visiting parks in the future based on the details in paragraphs 1 and 2? Support your answer with evidence from the article. TEA p. 24 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The reader can infer that visiting parks will have more people.I know this because in paragraph 2 it states,“more and more people are visiting parks each year.” TEA p. 28 · Response 1
GRADE 5	**Question** Based on the ideas presented throughout the article “From Tin to Table,” what can the reader conclude about the usefulness of canning food in different situations? Support your answer with evidence from the article. TEA p. 30 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The reader can conclude that cannning food is useful because it can help preserve foods and goods. In paragraph 7 it states, “Although fresh food is great, there will always be a need to preserve it. The process of canning is one way in which people have fulfilled that need.” TEA p. 37 · Response 4	**Question** Why are lines 8 through 11 important to the plot of the play? Support your answer with evidence from the play. TEA p. 29 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** I think lines 8 through 11 are important to the plot of the play because they show that Ben dosen't finish his work on time. I know this because in line 9 Ben says“ no time. I've got to finish this before-” This show that Ben is dosen't finish his work. TEA p. 33 · Response 1	**Question** What is the main claim the author makes in the selection? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 26 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The author's claim is fashion designers need to use the biodegradable fiber mmy proof is that They can break down easier but can still be a strong substance . TEA p. 30 · Response 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
GRADE 6	**Question** What is the main claim the author makes in the selection? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 30 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The authors claim is that chess can benafit you in many diffrent ways because in the story it highlight over that many people can make friend ships and bulid better sports men ship. TEA p. 35 · Response 1	**Question** Why are lines 18 through 23 important to the play? Support your answer with evidence from the play. TEA p. 31 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** Lines 18 through 23 are important to the play because the lines show that Horatio compleatly forgot about the sourdough starter . The text says , “[Panic spreads across his face.’] Oh no!” (line 20) TEA p. 35 · Response 2	**Question** Judson wants to combine the ideas in sentences 17 and 18. In the space provided, write a new sentence that combines these ideas in a clear and effective way. TEA p. 32 **Sentences 17 and 18** (17) My cousin sent me a Petoskey stone from Lake Michigan. (18) He is from Chicago. TEA p. 32 **Full score answer (1 of 1)** My cousin sent me a Petoskey stone from Lake Michigan, and he is from Chicago. TEA p. 34 · Response 2

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MIDDLE SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

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GRADE 7	**Question** Why does the author include information about Johanna Basford's coloring books in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the selection? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 30 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The author includes information about Johanna Basford's coloring books to.Show Their is coloring books for adults that is very popular. This is proven by "sold an astounding 21 million copies worldwide". TEA p. 36 · Response 2	**Question** How does Marta's attitude about keeping a schedule affect the plot of the play? Support your answer with evidence from the play. TEA p. 32 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** it affects the plot of the play becuase Tracy is always late so the narrator thinks that they will get it a fight, "[Rubbing her hands together gleefully.] Here we go!" TEA p. 36 · Response 3	**Question** What is the author's main message in the selection? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 30 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The authors main message in the text is if you wanna live a healthy and long life then you should do an individual sport. In paragraph 7, it says being more active in general helps a person sleep better, think better, and feel a greater sense of well-being. TEA p. 34 · Response 3
GRADE 8	**Question** How does the author support the claim that playing board games can make a person more appealing to a future employer? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 30 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** In the passage Board Games Are Good for You the author tells the readers that board games help improve life skills. In paragraph 2 it states, "They concluded that these games promote coperation and positive social behaviors." TEA p. 35 · Response 1	**Question** How does the playwright's use of flashback in scene 1 contribute to the development of the plot? Support your answer with evidence from the play. TEA p. 33 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** It shows you why they are fighting and gives you context to help you understand the story. "I can't believe you wrote about the importance of wresting and rehabbing ankle sprains before returning to a sport! Coach Benched me!" TEA p. 39 · Response 2	**Question** Based on the information in paragraphs 2 through 4 of the article "Cameras in the Courtroom," what is the most likely reason the Judicial Conference began to allow cameras in courtrooms after 2015? Support your answer with evidence from the article. TEA p. 26 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The most likely reason the Judicial Conference began to allow cameras is so that people could see justice was being served. In the passage it says, "supporters of the program argued that cameras would allow the public to see that justice was being served." TEA p. 30 · Response 1

HIGH SCHOOL

GRADE	2026	2025	2024
ENGLISH I	**Question** How does the author of the article "Less Is More" rebut the claim that life in a tiny home can be difficult? Support your answer with evidence from the article. TEA p. 34 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The author rebuts the claim that life in a tiny home can be difficult by describing all of its benefits. the author writes "tiny home communities often offer ameneities such as restaurants, markets, dog parks, and comunity gardens." (Less Is More 3). TEA p. 40 · Response 1	**Question** In the excerpt from Kokoro, what is most likely the author's purpose for including the remark made by Sensei's wife to the narrator? Support your answer with evidence from the excerpt. TEA p. 28 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The author's purpose for including the remark is to show why Sensei has lost intrest to books. In the story it says,"But now, I find that I am not ashamed of knowing less than others"(p.7 line.3-4). TEA p. 32 · Response 2	**Question** Based on the information in paragraph 8, what can the reader most likely infer about how individual artists feel about the internet's impact on their careers? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 28 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** Individual artists feel that the internet makes a bad impact on people careers because alot of the time people can take or use someone else's work and use it as there without giving credit or ceiting eviednce. TEA p. 32 · Response 2
ENGLISH II	**Question** How does the author support the claim that email has a negative effect on the workplace? Support your answer with evidence from the selection. TEA p. 31 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The author supports the claim that email has a negative effect by giving examples of how stressed people are when using email. "In a 2021 New Yorker article, one worker said, "Im frazzled-just keeping up" with the constant flow of email". (pg2). This gives the reader an idea of how stressed out answering all those emails can be on top of trying to do your job. TEA p. 36 · Response 1	**Question** How does the moon landing affect Anna in the story "Moon Landing"? Support your answer with evidence from the story. TEA p. 33 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The moon landing affects Anna by making her feel bored by her uneventful life. Paragraph 9 shows that Anna wants to escape from the mundane emptiness of her home, and that she frequently moped about the monotony of her life. TEA p. 37 · Response 3	**Question** How does the playwright's characterization of Lina contribute to a theme of the play? Support your answer with evidence from the play. TEA p. 30 **Full score answer (2 of 2)** The theme of the play is to respect others and what they say, Lina's charecterization contributes to this when she says "I asked you not to share those songs with anyone" and when she says "and you did it anyway" TEA p. 35 · Response 1