

March 2017 STAAR Grade 5 Reading Rationales

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1	A is incorrect because the history of the space station is not given.	B is incorrect because the author is not trying to persuade the reader.	C is correct because the author's main purpose is to provide information.	D is incorrect because the author does not describe dangers on the space station.
2	F is correct because the details in paragraph 5 describe how R2's design helps it accomplish tasks.	G is incorrect because paragraph 5 does not give details about how long the scientists planned.	H is incorrect because paragraph 5 does not indicate that its weight makes it too heavy to complete tasks.	J is incorrect because paragraph 5 does not give details about the robot working in a factory.
3	A is incorrect because this detail only focuses on what R2 can do now.	B is incorrect because this detail shows only that R2 does not need constant supervision.	C is correct because this detail shows how R2 will allow us to go farther and achieve more.	D is incorrect because this detail does not support the idea.
4	F is incorrect because the subheadings do not give information about R2's abilities.	G is incorrect because the title does not give information about R2's abilities.	H is incorrect because the caption identifies only the robot.	J is correct because the caption indicates R2 has the ability to operate a task board.
5	A is incorrect because this summary is too partial.	B is incorrect because the summary focuses on only a portion of the section.	C is correct because the summary gives important information from each paragraph.	D is incorrect because the summary includes information not in the selection.
6	F is incorrect because paragraph 10 does not explain any requirements.	G is incorrect because paragraph 10 is not about the effectiveness of robots in space.	H is incorrect because paragraph 10 is not about businesses working together.	J is correct because paragraph 10 describes the next steps of developing legs for R2.
7	A is incorrect because the event did not start as a competition.	B is correct because paragraph 1 says the event began as a neighborhood get-together.	C is incorrect because the only mention of a frost affecting cherries was during last year's crop.	D is incorrect because this information is not in the passage.
8	F is incorrect because Krause is not scoring points in a game.	G is incorrect because Krause is not applying an amount.	H is correct because Krause is attempting another try at the title.	J is incorrect because Krause is not making a remark.
9	A is incorrect because this sentence is only one detail in the article.	B is correct because this sentence includes the necessary information about the event.	C is incorrect because this sentence is only about the harvest.	D is incorrect because this sentence is only about the Krause family.
10	F is correct because the article mentions contestants from Chicago, Arizona, and California participating.	G is incorrect because the article mentions only cherries from one fruit farm.	H is incorrect because there is no information in the article indicating requirements for contestants.	J is incorrect because there is no evidence to suggest people don't enjoy the event.
11	A is correct because the speaker gives advice on how to spit the cherry pit.	B is incorrect because the speaker does not indicate practicing.	C is incorrect because the speaker is offering advice about where to find cherries.	D is incorrect because the speaker does not spit the pit in the yard.
12	F is incorrect because the rhyming words are not the most important words.	G is incorrect because the rhyming words do not help the reader visualize a problem.	H is correct because the many rhyming words shorten the rhythm and imitate the quick actions of spitting a cherry pit.	J is incorrect because the rhyming words do not explain the sound of spitting a cherry pit.
13	A is incorrect because the line is a step in preparing for the launch of the pit.	B is incorrect because the line indicates there will be advice about how to spit the cherry pit.	C is incorrect because the line is a step in the process of spitting the cherry pit.	D is correct because the line indicates that aiming toward the fence is the way to launch the pit.
14	F is incorrect because spitting cherries is not a team sport.	G is correct because comparing the activity to baseball helps the reader imagine the activity better.	H is incorrect because there is no indication about how much time either of the activities takes.	J is incorrect because the speaker does not take a position on how interesting the activity is.

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15	A is correct because the town celebrates the contest with fun activities, and the speaker is describing a "summerfun" activity.	B is incorrect because there is no indication that you must keep trying in either selection.	C is incorrect because a family member does not participate in spitting cherry pits in the poem.	D is incorrect because neither selection focuses on polite or kindhearted winners.
16	F is incorrect because there is no indication of what type of cherry pit is used in either selection.	G is correct because the setting for one is a fruit tree farm and the setting for the other is a back yard.	H is incorrect because the excitement people feel is not discussed.	J is incorrect because the rules are not discussed in the article or the poem.
17	A is correct because the article is detailing an event, and the poem is describing a process.	B is incorrect because the poem does not describe the results of a contest.	C is incorrect because no one is observing the activity in the poem.	D is incorrect because the article does not explain organizing a competition and the poem does not involve a competition.
18	F is incorrect because neither selection focuses on the difficulty of planning and organizing an activity.	G is correct because both selections indicate that the activity is fun.	H is incorrect because the article does not describe the process of spitting a cherry pit.	J is incorrect because the article does not indicate any difficulty in recording distance, and the poem does not record distance.
19	A is incorrect because the sentence shows that she cares about doing well in school.	B is incorrect because the sentence focuses on her college basketball team's record.	C is correct because the sentence shows that she cares about helping children.	D is incorrect because the sentence focuses on her belief in hard work and confidence.
20	F is correct because she <i>passed above</i> or did better than her schoolmates.	G is incorrect because it is comparing her abilities to her school mates and speaking kindly doesn't make sense.	H is incorrect because there is no indication of how much time she spent with other schoolmates.	J is incorrect because there is no discussion of how her schoolmates felt about her.
21	A is incorrect because the event was an achievement, but it did not influence her charity work.	B is incorrect because the event took place long before she became involved with charity work.	C is correct because after speaking about her disability, she became an inspiration to others.	D is incorrect because she began her charity work long after high school.
22	F is incorrect because she kept her hearing loss a secret to fit in with her classmates.	G is correct because she worked hard to overcome her disadvantage, which led to surpassing her classmates and teammates.	H is incorrect because there is no evidence that she thought her hearing would improve.	J is incorrect because there is no evidence that she knew she would play professional basketball.
23	A is incorrect because there is no support for everyone having a unique talent.	B is incorrect because making difficult decisions is not the focus of this selection.	C is incorrect because community support of young people is not the focus of this selection.	D is correct because the selection showed how Catchings overcame a disability through hard work.
24	F is incorrect because the subheadings don't focus on affecting others.	G is incorrect because the subheadings don't give any information about who helped Catchings.	H is correct because each subheading focuses on a different stage of Catchings's life.	J is incorrect because only one subheading highlights Catchings's charitable work.
25	A is incorrect because there is no indication that Catchings taught Summitt anything about communicating.	B is incorrect because there is no evidence that Catchings improved Summitt as a coach.	C is incorrect because Catchings was very successful and had already overcome her disability before playing in college.	D is correct because Summitt was the one who encouraged Catchings to wear hearing aids and be a role model.
26	F is incorrect because the dog does get in the boat while the calf watches.	G is incorrect because where Lewis wants to explore next is not addressed.	H is correct because in paragraph 9 the dog realizes the calf is afraid of him, so he keeps his distance.	J is incorrect because the dog was never frightened by the calf.

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27	A is incorrect because the dog is only shocked by Lewis's actions in paragraph 7.	B is incorrect because the dog mentions being smarter than the calf only once, in paragraph 1.	C is incorrect because there is no indication that the dog and Lewis have explored the area before.	D is correct because the dog tries to scare the calf away throughout most of the story and then admits his jealousy at the end.
28	F is correct because the questions show first the dog's confusion and then the realization that he had <u>misunderstood the situation</u> .	G is incorrect because none of the questions concern the dog's surroundings.	H is incorrect because it is clear throughout the story that the dog is very attached to Lewis.	J is incorrect because the dog is focused on Lewis and the calf.
29	A is incorrect because the calf doesn't ignore the dog; the calf is frightened of the dog.	B is incorrect because it focuses on only one detail of what happens in the story.	C is correct because it includes what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story.	D is incorrect because it focuses on only what happens in paragraph 3.
30	F is correct because the dog realizes he was jealous and explains how dogs behave <u>when they are jealous</u> .	G is incorrect because the dog doesn't comment on how playful he is.	H is incorrect because the dog does not mention changing as he has gotten older.	J is incorrect because the dog doesn't discuss whether puppies are more lovable than calves.
31	A is incorrect because there is no indication that the dog needs to forgive Lewis.	B is correct because what became clear like a mountain stream was that the calf was afraid of the dog.	C is incorrect because the dog does not notice a new place in this paragraph.	D is incorrect because there is no indication that the dog remembers to return to the boat.
32	F is incorrect because the sentence doesn't reveal how the dog views their relationship.	G is incorrect because the dog's incorrect interpretation doesn't reveal his view of their relationship.	H is correct because the dog sees himself and Lewis as a team that is tied closely together.	J is incorrect because the dog's surprise does not reveal how he views the relationship.
33	A is incorrect because paragraph 3 says Hillerich's father refused to make bats.	B is incorrect because there is no evidence that metal bats were in competition with wood bats.	C is incorrect because paragraph 3 says Hillerich's father wanted to make other products.	D is correct because Hillerich's father preferred to make other products until his son convinced him bats would be <u>good for business</u> .
34	F is correct because Williams noticed a difference of 5/1000 of an inch.	G is incorrect because there is no discussion of what is the best bat, only what is the most favored.	H is incorrect because there is no evidence that the company's business was harmed by negative comments.	J is incorrect because there is no evidence that the design is better today, only that bats have changed.
35	A is incorrect because the sentence is only a detail about old bats.	B is incorrect because it is only a detail about today's bats.	C is incorrect because the sentence is just an observation about bats.	D is correct because the sentence reflects the general idea about the bat's development over time.
36	F is incorrect because the equipment does not manage the player.	G is incorrect because the players have not become different by using the same equipment in games and practices.	H is incorrect because the players haven't changed by using the same equipment.	J is correct because the players are in the habit of using the same equipment.
37	A is correct because Hillerich's offer to make a bat for a player started the business of making bats.	B is incorrect because there is no evidence that Hillerich's understanding of the game started the production of bats.	C is incorrect because there is no mention of advertising the bats.	D is incorrect because there is no mention that Hillerich played baseball with any sort of bat.
38	F is correct because the success of Browning and Wagner with the bats encouraged other players to use the bats.	G is incorrect because there is no mention of either of these men getting a bat that was incorrectly made.	H is incorrect because there is no mention of either man having a friendship with Hillerich.	J is incorrect because the selection says that Hillerich persuaded his father, not either of these men.