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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

José had been a dancer since he was three. He had always loved to dance, but he recently started to focus more on ballet. José enjoyed the quiet way to tell a story. The music and the movement gave him so much energy. He did not listen to people who told him that boys don't do ballet. He did ballet, and he loved it. José had a mind of his own.

1. What is this text about?

- (A) having a lot of energy
- (B) a ballet dancer
- (C) being quiet
- (D) music and movement

2. Which is the best description of José?

- (A) José is not nice.
- (B) José loves ballet, even though some people believe boys don't do ballet.
- (C) José has a lot of energy.
- (D) José is three years old.

3. Which definition of *focus* is used in this text?

- (A) a point on a cone
- (B) clear image
- (C) effort
- (D) concentrate

4. Which of these words means the same as *recently*?

- (A) always
- (B) tomorrow
- (C) lately
- (D) never

5. What does the phrase *had a mind of his own* mean in this text?

- (A) José did not behave well.
- (B) José was torn between two hobbies.
- (C) José decided things for himself.
- (D) José could not make a decision.

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Phoebe loved having pets at home to love and care for each day. She had two dogs and one cat. The strangest thing was that the three of them were very good friends. Phoebe knew that cats and dogs were supposed to be enemies, but her pets were definitely not enemies. They certainly did not fight like cats and dogs!

1. Which title best fits this text?

- (A) Not Your Typical Cats and Dogs
- (B) Phoebe's Pets
- (C) Pets
- (D) Pet Friends

2. What is the setting?

- (A) the pet store
- (B) Phoebe's house
- (C) the dog park
- (D) the doghouse in Phoebe's yard

3. Which word has the same vowel sound as *fight*?

- (A) crib
- (B) tie
- (C) ought
- (D) bit

4. Which words from the text are antonyms?

- (A) *pets and dog*
- (B) *love and care*
- (C) *friends and fight*
- (D) *friends and enemies*

5. Which phrase is an example of a simile?

- (A) *not enemies*
- (B) *love and care*
- (C) *fight like cats and dogs*
- (D) *pets at home*

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Henry walked to school each morning with his neighbor, James, whom he had been friends with for many years. One morning, Henry met James at the corner, and they began walking. "Where is your umbrella?" James asked Henry. "The sky looks so dark."

"It's not going to rain," declared Henry. "I watched the weather report this morning."

"Don't believe everything you hear," replied James as the first drops started to fall.

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1. Which picture would tell a reader more about this text?

- (A) a picture of two cats sleeping next to each other
- (B) a picture of two friends wearing a baseball uniform
- (C) a picture of two friends playing
- (D) a picture of an umbrella

2. Who are the main characters?

- (A) Henry and his brother
- (B) James and his brother
- (C) Henry and his father
- (D) Henry and his neighbor

3. Using context clues, what is the definition of *report*?

- (A) account
- (B) research
- (C) essay
- (D) news

4. Which word means *declared*?

- (A) cried
- (B) stated
- (C) yelled
- (D) argued

5. What is the tone of this text?

- (A) factual
- (B) accusing
- (C) cautioning
- (D) excited

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A Different Kind of Princess

Once upon a time, a princess lived in a castle. She lived with her mother and father, the king and queen. She had no brothers or sisters. As she grew up, her parents began to talk to her about whom she might marry. Her marriage would be very important. This new spouse would be an heir to the throne.

Many princesses wait for the day they can marry a handsome prince. Yet this was no usual princess. She preferred her hunting clothes to any fancy dress. She wore her hair in a ponytail instead of having long waves topped with a tiara. She hated spending her days in the castle. She did not like to just sit around and do nothing. The princess always tried to find someone to take her out to the forest. She would ride a horse and feel the wind blow through her hair. She loved adventure.

On this day, the princess did not want to talk about a marriage. She was not going to marry anyone that her parents had in mind for her. She was not even sure she wanted to be married at all. Today, she just wanted to ride her horse.

She walked around the castle. Finally, she found a servant boy. She asked him to help her get a horse ready to ride. They talked a lot. The princess really enjoyed his company. The servant boy was surprised by the princess. He expected her to be snobby. He liked talking to her, too. The princess wondered why she could not spend more time with boys like him. Why did her parents only introduce her to the sons of their friends? All this princess knew was that things were going to change. She was going to spend some time with her new friend. She was going to make her own decisions. She was going to be a different kind of princess.



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Read "A Different Kind of Princess" and then answer the questions.

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1. Which prediction makes the most sense after reading the title?
- (A) This is a tale of a princess who is not a human.
- (B) This tale is about a princess who cannot meet a prince.
- (C) This is a tale of a princess who behaves in different ways.
- (D) This tale is set in a faraway land.

2. Which is most likely the author's opinion?
- (A) A story set in a castle must have a happy ending.
- (B) A princess with no magic is sad.
- (C) Princesses can look, sound, and think differently.
- (D) All princesses want to find a handsome prince.

3. Which statement shows a personal connection to this text?
- (A) I like to go on adventures, too, even if my parents hate it when I get dirty.
- (B) I saw a castle in a movie.
- (C) I have four sisters.
- (D) I read a book about a family that has servants.

4. Which quality of the princess makes her a *different kind of princess*?
- (A) She does not like wearing a tiara.
- (B) She does not want to get married to a prince right away.
- (C) She likes to talk to servants.
- (D) all of the above

5. Why is the theme of this fairy tale different from many other fairy tales?
- (A) Most fairy tales do not include horseback riding.
- (B) Most fairy tales include a princess who is looking for a handsome prince.
- (C) Most fairy tales include wicked stepsisters.
- (D) Most fairy tales do not include servants.

6. Which fairy tale is the opposite of this story?
- (A) "Cinderella"
- (B) "The Little Mermaid"
- (C) "Jack and the Beanstalk"
- (D) "Goldilocks and the Three Bears"

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Reread “A Different Kind of Princess.” Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.

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The character in this story is not a typical princess. In what ways are you not a typical third-grader? What makes you unique and special?

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