BRITISH COLUMBIA ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 10: LITERARY STUDIES AND COMPOSITION · UNIT A · 10 QUESTIONS

Reading and Understanding Literature — Practice Test

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1 **According to Reading V, what does the last sentence suggest about the market?**

- A it will soon close because few people visit it
- B it is a place where neighbours treat each other with kindness
- C it is the only market in town that sells fruit
- D it makes more money than any other stall in town

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Reading VI - How Honeybees Communicate

Use this reading for questions 2 to 6.

Honeybees cannot speak, but they still share detailed directions. When a worker bee finds a good patch of flowers, she returns to the hive and performs a dance on the honeycomb. In the waggle dance, she moves in a figure eight pattern, shaking her body as she runs along the straight middle section.

The dance carries two pieces of information. The length of the waggle run tells other bees how far away the flowers are: a longer run means a longer trip. The angle of the run, measured against the vertical, tells them which direction to fly relative to the position of the sun.

Other bees watch the dance closely, then leave the hive and fly straight to the flowers. Scientists have tested this by moving a hive and watching the bees still find the food. The dance is so reliable that beekeepers use it to learn where their bees have been feeding.

2 **According to Reading VI, what is the main idea of the passage?**

- **A** honeybees share the distance and direction of food through a dance
- **B** honeybees build hives from wax and honey alone
- **C** beekeepers train bees to dance on command
- **D** honeybees only visit flowers near their own hive

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3 **According to Reading VI, what does the length of the waggle run tell other bees?**

A how many bees should make the trip

B how long the flowers will stay open

C how far away the flowers are

D how sweet the nectar will taste

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4 **According to Reading VI, what does the angle of the waggle run tell other bees?**

A which flowers are safe to visit first

B how fast they should fly to the flowers

C which direction to fly relative to the position of the sun

D how high above the ground the flowers grow

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5 **According to Reading VI, why does the author mention scientists moving a hive?**

- A to show that the dance reliably guides bees to food
- B to prove that bees cannot find food on their own
- C to explain how beekeepers build new hives
- D to warn that moving a hive harms the bees

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6 **According to Reading VI, what is the author's main purpose?**

- A to tell a story about a lost bee finding home
- B to explain how honeybees communicate directions
- C to persuade readers to keep bees at home
- D to compare honeybees with other insects

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7 **A short story begins: I had never been so nervous in my life. Which point of view is this?**

- **A** third person limited, because the narrator follows one character
- **B** third person omniscient, because the narrator knows all thoughts
- **C** second person, because the narrator addresses the reader as you
- **D** first person, because the narrator uses **I** and tells a personal experience

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8 **In a story, a sailor struggles against a storm at sea. What type of conflict is this?**

- **A** character against self, because the sailor doubts his own skill
- **B** character against nature, because the storm is a force of nature
- **C** character against character, because another sailor causes the storm
- **D** character against society, because the town forbids sailing

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9 **Which sentence states a main idea rather than a supporting detail?**

A Running three times a week strengthens the heart

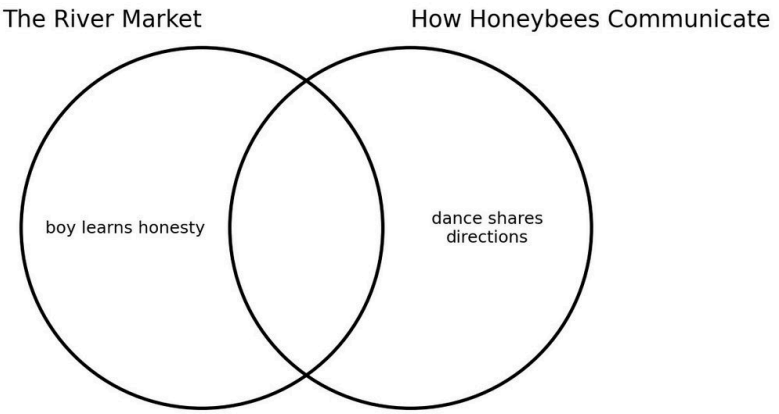
B Swimming builds strength in the arms and legs

C Walking after dinner helps digestion

D Regular exercise improves health in several important ways

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10 **According to the diagram, which idea belongs in the middle region where the two circles overlap?**



A work done together to help a group

B a boy learns honesty from his father

C a dance that shares directions to food

D a market stall that sells plums

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ANSWER KEY

1.	B	**5.**	A	**9.**	D
2.	A	**6.**	B	**10.**	A
3.	C	**7.**	D		
4.	C	**8.**	B		

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