SASKATCHEWAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS B30 · UNIT D · 5 QUESTIONS

Literary Composition and Assess and Reflect — Practice Test

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Reading III - The Descriptive Passage

Use this reading for questions 1 to 5.

The kitchen at dusk smelled of bread and woodsmoke. Light fell through the small window in amber bars across the table, where a chipped mug, a folded letter, and a pair of reading glasses waited. Outside, snow settled on the fence in silence, and the house held its warmth like a secret kept for those inside.

A good descriptive passage, the writer later noted, does not list everything in a room. It selects details that create a feeling, bread and woodsmoke for comfort, amber light for evening, snow for quiet, and lets the reader enter the scene through the senses rather than through a catalogue.

1 **According to Reading III, what is the main idea of the passage?**

- **A** a descriptive passage lists everything in a room
- **B** a descriptive passage avoids all sensory details
- **C** a descriptive passage should read like a catalogue
- **D** a descriptive passage creates feeling through selected sensory details

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2 **According to Reading III, which detail is stated in the passage?**



A a chipped mug, a folded letter, and reading glasses waited on the table

B the kitchen smelled of paint and metal

C snow fell loudly inside the house

D the house held no warmth at all

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3 **According to Reading III, in this passage the word catalogue most nearly means**

A a feeling of comfort

B a complete list of items in order

C amber light

D a folded letter

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4 **According to Reading III, what is the author's main purpose?**

A to list everything in a kitchen

B to persuade readers to avoid description

C to show how descriptive writing creates feeling with selected details

D to explain how bread is baked

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5 **According to Reading III, what can the reader most reasonably infer?**

A readers will feel nothing from the passage

B readers will see only a catalogue

C descriptive details will hide the scene

D readers of such a passage will likely feel the evening kitchen scene

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ANSWER KEY

1. D
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. D

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