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Directions: Read the passage and the answer choices. Choose the best answer.

sample Jeff and Patty made something for their mother's birthday. Grandfather helped them. It was a window box. The children filled it with flowers. Their father hung it outside the window. They couldn't wait for Mother to come home from work.

Who hung the flower box outside the window?

- A Jeff
- B Grandfather
- C Father
- D Patty



- **Skim the questions. Answer the easiest questions first. This can help you understand the passage so you can answer the harder questions.**

Dog's Fable

Dog was very fond of eggs. He roamed the countryside, raiding every henhouse he could find. The hens would see Dog coming and raise a noisy fuss, but Dog did not care one bit. Dog was so greedy, he gobbled their eggs whole.

One day Dog left the farmland and meandered down to the seashore. There on the sandy beach, an oyster had fallen from a fisherman's wagon. Dog saw the oyster. In a flash, it rested at the bottom of Dog's stomach — shell and all.

"Ohhh," moaned Dog in pain. "All round objects are not eggs."

- 1 Why does Dog swallow the oyster?**
 - A He finds it too hard to chew.
 - B He has run out of eggs.
 - C He wants to try seafood.
 - D He thinks it is an egg.

- 2 In the second paragraph, what does the word "meandered" mean?**
 - J Relaxed
 - K Gobbled
 - L Wandered
 - M Swam

- 3 What is the main point of this fable?**
 - A Don't be afraid to try new things.
 - B You will be sorry if you do things quickly and without thinking.
 - C Don't count on something that has not happened yet.
 - D You should listen to the wisdom of others.

Capitalization and Punctuation

Lesson 4a Capitalization

Directions: Fill in the space for the answer that has a capitalization mistake. Fill in the last answer space if there is no mistake.

- sample**
A A The himalayas are the tallest mountains in the world. Not many people have climbed them.
B
C
D (No mistakes)

- sample**
B J My grandfather will be happy to take us to the park so we can play.
K
L
M (No mistakes)



- Read each answer choice word by word. Look for a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence and for important words in a sentence.
- Be careful! Sometimes a word will begin with a capital letter when it should not.

- 1** A When I went to the library,
B I asked Mr. jones where
C the videotapes were located.
D (No mistakes)
- 2** J The Big Bend national Park
K is located in western Texas,
L not far from northern Mexico.
M (No mistakes)
- 3** A Marty has traveled to many
B places. He will leave on his
C next trip on saturday afternoon.
D (No mistakes)
- 4** J The Eiffel Tower is a unique
K structure unlike any other.
L It is located in Paris, France.
M (No mistakes)

- 5** A 12 Olney Rd.
B Arnett, MD 21611
C july 7, 2003
D (No mistakes)
- 6** J Dear Skip,
K did you really go hang gliding?
L It sounds scary but pretty neat.
M (No mistakes)
- 7** A Fishing in hunter Creek has been
B good. Mom caught a trout that
C weighed almost three pounds.
D (No mistakes)
- 8** J Say hello to your folks.
K Your friend,
L Renita
M (No mistakes)

STOP

Directions: Fill in the space for the answer that has a mistake in usage. Fill in the last answer space if there is no mistake.

- sample**
A A When the sky got cloudy,
B the boys knowed that they
C would have to stop the game.
D (No mistakes)

- sample**
B J The leaves that turned gold
K in October are now starting to
L fall from the branches.
M (No mistakes)



- **Skim the answer choices for each item, then go back and read each of them carefully.**
- **If an item is too difficult, skip it and go back to it later.**

- 1** A The girls stayed at the
B computer all afternoon long,
C studying and playing games.
D (No mistakes)
- 2** J She were going to see
K the horse when she got
L home from school today.
M (No mistakes)
- 3** A The birthday cake was
B the most wonderfuller
C Bernie had ever seen.
D (No mistakes)
- 4** J After she counted all of
K her change, Jana discovered
L she had enough money for lunch.
M (No mistakes)

- 5** A The boy was so far away he
B couldn't here his mother
C when she called to him.
D (No mistakes)
- 6** J Maliva couldn't find no books
K to learn about tennis. He decided
L to call the main library branch.
M (No mistakes)
- 7** A Her grandmother was going
B to make cookies, but there
C weren't no eggs in the refrigerator.
D (No mistakes)
- 8** J I and Cela asked the
K mail carrier if he had a
L letter for us today.
M (No mistakes)



Unit 6

Math Concepts and Estimation

Lesson 9b Math Estimation

Directions: Choose the answer that is the best estimate of the EXACT ANSWER. Do not compute the exact answer.

sample A Juni read 11 pages of her book each day. About how many pages will she read in 6 days?

- A 20
- B 60
- C 100
- D 160

sample B The closest estimate of $139 - 43$ is _____.

- J 1
- K 10
- L 100
- M 1,000



• Sometimes it will help to outline a solution on paper before you look at the answer choices.

1 The closest estimate of the number of people who are on the plane is _____.

- A 230
- B 240
- C 250
- D 260



423 seats on plane
179 seats empty

2 The closest estimate of the number of books in 11 boxes is _____.

- J less than 425
- K between 425 and 475
- L between 475 and 525
- M more than 525



Each box holds 45 books

3 The closest estimate of $365 \div 74$ is _____.

- A 3
- B 4
- C 5
- D 6

4 Three different videos are on sale for \$5.95, \$9.19, and \$12.89. The closest estimate of the total cost of the three videos is _____.

- J $\$5.00 + \$9.00 + \$12.00$
- K $\$5.00 + \$9.00 + \$13.00$
- L $\$6.00 + \$9.00 + \$13.00$
- M $\$6.00 + \$9.00 + \$12.00$

Directions: Solve each problem. Choose the answer you think is correct. If the correct answer is not given, fill in the space for the last answer, N.

sample
A $64 \times 9 =$

- A 567
- B 576
- C 5,436
- D N

sample
B $96 \div 8 =$

- J 12 r6
- K 13
- L 16
- M N



- **Estimate the size of the answer. This will help you eliminate choices that are too large or small.**

1
$$\begin{array}{r} 700 \\ \times 11 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- A 7,700
- B 12,000
- C 100,000
- D N

5
$$\begin{array}{r} 83 \\ - 16 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- A 57
- B 67
- C 99
- D N

2 $40 - 19$

- J 11
- K 19
- L 29
- M N

6
$$\begin{array}{r} 499 \\ + 301 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- J 700
- K 800
- L 900
- M N

3
$$\begin{array}{r} 51 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- A 53
- B 72
- C 102
- D N

7 $90 \div 7 =$

- A 11 r2
- B 11 r3
- C 12 r6
- D N

4 $463 - 65 =$

- J 298
- K 389
- L 398
- M N

8
$$\begin{array}{r} 4,689 \\ - 1,200 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

- J 2,489
- K 2,498
- L 3,498
- M N

STOP