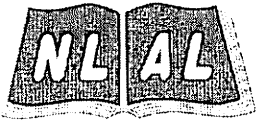


-ANSWER SHEET-

NATIONAL LANGUAGE ARTS LEAGUE - 2022
Grade 2 Contest



TIME: 35 Minutes

DATE: April 25 through May 6, 2022

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PART I: VOCABULARY

Directions: Read each sentence. Decide which word means the same or nearly the same as the word that is underlined in the sentence. Write the letter of the correct word on the answer sheet.

1. The teacher was positive that our field trip to the museum would be canceled because of bad weather.
A. uncertain
B. confused
C. sure
D. concerned
2. I told my brother to release the butterfly he caught in the garden.
A. grasp
B. capture
C. hold
D. free
3. Martha and Sarah got their kite strings tangled because of the strong winds.
A. twisted
B. organized
C. lost
D. strayed
4. Mrs. Harrigan's class and our class are in a competition to see who can read the most books.
A. party
B. contest
C. celebration
D. disagreement

PART II: WORD RELATIONSHIPS

Directions: First read the words in each group. Three of the words belong together. One word does not belong. Write the letter of the word that does not belong on the answer sheet.

5. A. roar
C. horn
B. siren
D. whistle
6. A. tunnel
C. well
B. cave
D. mountain
7. A. milk
C. soda
B. cake
D. juice
8. A. bag
C. box
B. bucket
D. handle

PART III: READING COMPREHENSION

Directions: Read each paragraph. Answer each question. Write the letter of the correct answer in the space next to the number on your answer sheet.

Paragraph A:

The tallest animal on earth is the giraffe. A full-grown giraffe is three times taller than a person and weighs ten times more. The newborn is 6 feet tall and grows 1 foot in the first month. A baby giraffe can drink a gallon of milk in less than one minute. A giraffe is usually very gentle, but when it is in danger, it kicks with its powerful front legs and is strong enough to kill a lion. It can also strike with its head, swinging its powerful neck.

Giraffes usually stay in small groups, but sometimes they gather in herds of over fifty. Herds usually contain females and babies. Adult males often like to wander alone. A giraffe can gallop as fast as a horse, swinging its neck back and forth with each step. Probably the most amazing thing about a giraffe is its long neck. A giraffe can bend its long neck backward and scratch its back with its nose. With its head held so high, the giraffe can see nearly two miles away and spot an enemy before it gets near.

A giraffe is so tall that it can reach the top of trees by just standing up. Since a giraffe is as tall as a tree, it uses its teeth to snip off leaves and small branches. In one day a full-grown giraffe can eat 75 pounds of leaves, twigs, flowers, and fruits. It is a very noisy eater and chews its food with its mouth open. The height of a giraffe makes it difficult for it to get up. It has to swing its neck three times as it slowly brings itself to its feet.

9. A baby giraffe _____.
- A. eats 75 pounds of leaves, twigs, flowers, and fruits
 - B. can drink a gallon of milk in less than one minute
 - C. is three times taller than a person
10. When a giraffe is in danger, it _____.
- A. kicks with its powerful front legs
 - B. makes a loud noise
 - C. swings its neck back and forth three times
11. It is difficult for a giraffe to lift itself up because _____.
- A. it weighs too much
 - B. its legs are too weak
 - C. it is so tall

Paragraph B:

Beneath the sky, above the grass,
The world becomes my looking glass.
As birds and planes appear on high,
I feel as though my heart can fly.

The clouds present a movie show,
Which I enjoy from down below.
Before my eyes, I can't believe
How all the clouds begin to weave . . .

A quilt upon a big blue screen
Presenting such a pretty scene.
First I see a spiral snake,
Then realize it's just a fake.

Changing shape from this or that . . .
A bird, an animal, a child, or cat.
When suddenly without a sign,
A storm blows in, no more sunshine.

Blue becomes gray and the day grows dim.
And I begin to feel quite grim.
Sparks of lightning, thunder's clap . . .
Heavy raindrops tap, tap, tap.

White and gray clouds begin to blend,
My movie show comes to an end.
I go inside to hide and seek . . .
Another day at clouds I'll peek.

12. Where was the person in this poem when she saw the show from down below?
 - A. hiding inside her house
 - B. outside on the ground looking up
 - C. in an airplane looking out the window
13. In stanza three the big blue screen is probably _____.
 - A. the sky
 - B. the sun
 - C. the clouds
14. The person in the poem has to wait for another day to peek at the clouds because _____.
 - A. she is too tired
 - B. it is beginning to rain
 - C. she is frightened

Paragraph C:

No place on earth is filled with more life than a tropical rain forest. These special forests grow in the area around the equator called the tropics, where it is always hot and humid. The temperature stays around 80°F every day of the year, and each year the rainfall is between 100 and 400 inches. A tropical rain forest covers the land like a large green carpet full of unusual plants and animals. There are hundreds of kinds of trees, some over 125 feet tall with thick vines hanging down. You will see birds, frogs, mammals, and insects in rainbow colors and patterns that you can only imagine.

The leaves, flowers, and seeds of these rain forests give us chemicals used to make many different things. The rosy periwinkle plant produces a chemical used to make a very strong medicine. This special medicine destroys one kind of leukemia in children. People all over the world take other medicines containing chemicals that come from rain-forest plants. These chemicals can kill germs, reduce fever, lower blood pressure, relax muscles, and even make rashes disappear.

The tropical rain forests are very special and should be saved for everyone, but they are in danger of being destroyed. The problem is that people in the tropics are cutting them down to earn a living and improve their way of life. They are building farms, cattle ranches, logging camps, mines, and oil wells. Every second another piece of the rain forest disappears. We must show the people in the tropics how to use the riches of these forests without harming them. Today many tropical nations are starting to reclaim their rain forests and put a stop to all the destruction.

15. Tropical rain forests can be found _____.
 - A. near the North Pole
 - B. near the equator
 - C. near the South Pole

16. Tropical rain forests are in danger of being destroyed because _____.
 - A. they are being cut down
 - B. there is too much rainfall
 - C. the temperature is too hot

17. The best title for this story is _____.
 - A. "Making Medicine"
 - B. "People of the Tropics"
 - C. "Tropical Rain Forests"

PART IV: SPELLING

Directions: Read each sentence. On your answer sheet write the letter of the word that is spelled correctly.

18. We learned how to make a battery in our _____ class last week.
A. sciance
B. science
C. sience
D. sciense
19. Our gym teacher always blows her _____ when the game is over.
A. whistle
B. whistel
C. wissel
D. whisle
20. The _____ was so strong that my hat flew off my head.
A. breize
B. brieze
C. breeze
D. breise
21. All the roads and homes in the _____ were flooded because of the hurricane.
A. vilage
B. villige
C. villege
D. village

PART V: LANGUAGE STRUCTURE

Directions: Read the sentence carefully. Choose the correct word for the underlined space in the sentence. Write the letter of that word on your answer sheet.

22. Mike and Amy are _____ their friends at the library after school today.
A. meeting
B. meet
C. meets
23. The principal will _____ to the whole school about fire safety on Friday.
A. spoke
B. speak
C. speaks
24. Marissa and Jenna couldn't believe how much they had _____ since first grade.
A. growed
B. grew
C. grown
25. Yesterday when Mrs. Roberts was sick, someone else _____ our class.
A. teached
B. taught
C. teaches