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Grade: 3 Reading

Theme One – Selection: 2

“The Ballad of Mulan”

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Why does Mulan go to battle instead of her father?

- a) She always wanted to be a soldier.
- b) She has fought in many battles.
- c) Mulan’s father is old and frail.
- d) Mulan’s father said he was too tired to fight.

2. What does Mulan have to do before going off to war?

- a) ride thousands of miles
- b) meet with the Emperor
- c) buy a horse, a saddle, and a bridle
- d) weave a rug

3. While she’s away, Mulan thinks she hears her mother’s voice, and she wants to hear her father’s. What does this show about Mulan?

- a) She feels tired.
- b) She feels confused.
- c) She feels excited.
- d) She feels homesick.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

“The nights at the camp were harsh and cold, but Mulan endured every hardship.”

Which word means the opposite of harsh?

- a) rough
- b) gentle
- c) severe
- d) windy

5. On page 84, what did Mulan mean when she replied, "They say the male rabbit likes to hop and leap, while the female rabbit prefers to sit still. But in times of danger, when the two rabbits scurry by, who can tell male from female."

- a) Mulan is talking about differences of male and female rabbits.
- b) She is talking about how rabbits act in times of danger.
- c) She is talking about how people behave during dangerous times such as war.
- d) Mulan is comparing herself to a rabbit.

6. This selection is an example of

- a) a biography
- b) an informational article
- c) a story
- d) a poem

7. "All I ask for is a **swift** camel to take me back home." Which word is the **opposite** of **swift**?

- a) lazy
- b) quick
- c) fast
- d) slow

8. According to the story, how did everyone react to Mulan after she returned from battle?

- a) They punished her for being a female.
- b) Mulan's brother and sister were disappointed with her.
- c) Mulan never returned.
- d) She was praised for her bravery and leadership in battle.

9. Read this dictionary entry.

title n. 1. a book's name. 2. a name showing a person's rank.
3. an official document. 4. a championship in a sport.

Now read this sentence about the story.

Mulan's bravery in battle won her respect and many titles such as Worthy General.

Which meaning of titles is used in the sentence?

- a) definition 1
- b) definition 2
- c) definition 3
- d) definition 4

Open-ended Response

The author calls Mulan a “brave woman who loved her family.” Give three examples from the story that tell why this statement is true.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	c	Interpreting components	R3.B.1.1.1
2	c	Sequence	R3.B.1.1.1
3	d	Inference	R3.A.1.3.1
4	b	Antonyms	R3.A.1.1.2
5	c	Inference	R3.A.1.3.1
6	c	Genre	R3.A.1.6
7	d	Antonyms	R3.A.1.1.2
8	d	Inference	R3.A.1.3.1
9	b	Multiple Meanings	R3.A.1.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the question and selection.
 Has effectively given at least 3 examples related to the story to support the quote about Mulan.
 The answer is complete, organized, and makes sense.

2 Points

Demonstrates an understanding of the question and story.
 Has adequately given at least 2 examples related to the story to support the quote about Mulan.
 Has written about the task, but the answer may not be organized.

1 Point

There may be mistakes about the story information.
 Has provided at least 1 example related to the story to support the quote about Mulan.
 The answer may not make sense or has unrelated details.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete
 Does not write about the task, or the paper is too hard to read.