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Grade: 5 Reading

Date _____

Theme One Selection: 2

"Eye of the Storm: Chasing Storms with Warren Faidley"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. Which of the sentences from the story shows an opinion?

- a) In the evening, a black truck rolls along a dirt road.
- b) For some people, storms have an irresistible call.
- c) Storm chasers are scientists who use video cameras.
- d) Warren Faidley lives in Tuscon, Arizona, with a one-toothed cat named Megamouth.

2. Under which heading would you most likely find information about Warren Faidley's stock photo agency?

- a) Warren Faidley: Storm Chaser
- b) Storm Seasons and Chasing
- c) Becoming a Storm Chaser
- d) What happens to Warren's Photos After He Takes Them?

3. Warren and his partner, Tom, decide to stop shooting pictures of tornadoes for the day, even though tornadoes are still forming because

- a) It's dangerous to chase tornadoes at night.
- b) They are tired and hungry.
- c) They are lost.
- d) Their vehicle has run out of gas.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"The reports are saying that there is a moderate chance of severe weather in our area."

Which word is an antonym for severe?

- a) serious
- b) extreme
- c) calm
- d) average

5. How would you best describe Warren Faidley?

- a) strong and athletic
- b) brave and dangerous
- c) friendly and helpful
- d) silly and strange

6. How is the information in the first segment of the selection "Eye of the Storm" organized?

- a) by sequence of events
- b) by cause and effect
- c) by questions and answers
- d) main ideas and details

7. Why do you think tornado chasers would be helpful to people who are traveling across the country?

- a) by telling other drivers what the forecast is and whether it is safe to drive in an area.
- b) to help the chasers take pictures of the storms, too.
- c) so the travelers can tell the tornado chasers where to go and take pictures of storms.
- d) so they have company while storm chasing.

8. On page 71, Warren says, "following a storm is a little like playing a huge game of chess." This is an example of what type of figurative language?

- a) simile
- b) metaphor
- c) idiom
- d) onomatopoeia

9. Why is it sometimes difficult for Tom and Warren to photograph tornadoes?

- a) They are too small to see.
- b) They only form in places where no one is around to see them.
- c) They keep moving and the roads do not always go in the same direction as the tornadoes travel.
- d) The tornadoes are too big to photograph.

Open-ended Response

10. Do you think Warren would face any danger in order to get an awesome storm photograph? Use at least 2 examples from the selection to support your answer.

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Theme 2 Selection 1 "Eye of the Storm"
Answer Key and Eligible Content

| Item Number | Answer | Descriptor | Assessment Anchor |
|-------------|--------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | b | Fact/Opinion | R5.B.3.1.1 |
| 2 | d | Headings | R5.B.3.3.2 |
| 3 | a | Inference | R5.B.3.3.1 |
| 4 | c | Antonyms | R5.A.1.1.2 |
| 5 | b | Characterization | R5.A.1.1.3 |
| 6 | d | Text Organization | R5.B.3.3.2 |
| 7 | a | Drawing Conclusions | R5.A.1.3.1 |
| 8 | a | Inference | R5.B.2.1.2 |
| 9 | c | Details | R5.A.2.4.1 |

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph states yes or no and uses 2 examples from the selection to support their answer.

2 Points

Paragraph states yes/no and uses 1 example from the selection to support their answer.

1 Point

Paragraph states yes/no without using examples from the selection.

0 Points

Incomplete, inaccurate, insufficient response.