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Grade: 5 Reading

Date _____

Theme Four Selection: 1

"Mariah Keeps Cool"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. How can you infer that Lynn does not want a birthday party?
 - a) She realizes her mom does not have enough money to throw a party.
 - b) She says that she wants to stay in bed all day.
 - c) She is mad at Mariah and Lynn for not including her.
 - d) She does not like birthday cake.

2. Which detail shows that Lynn is surprised by the party?
 - a) Lynn looks stunned.
 - b) Lynn tries to escape from the backyard.
 - c) Lynn's eyes widened and she covers her mouth.
 - d) All of the above.

3. What is the setting of Lynn's party?
 - a) Denise's house.
 - b) The local recreation center.
 - c) Mariah's backyard.
 - d) At the elementary school.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"After that, the crowd stayed on, reluctant to leave."

Which word means the same as reluctant.

- a) hesitant
- b) willing
- c) excited
- d) eager

5. On page 354, what does the author mean when she says that the yard looks like a "magic garden?"

- a) There were magic fairies there.
- b) The guests are standing and talking softly.
- c) There is beautiful music playing.
- d) The yard is decorated with flowers, lights, and banners.

6. What is the genre of "Mariah Keeps Cool."

- a) nonfiction
- b) poem
- c) autobiography
- d) realistic fiction

7. Which word is an antonym for approach?

- a) depart
- b) advance
- c) move toward
- d) method

8. How would you describe Lynn's reaction to the surprise party?

- a) She blushes and becomes embarrassed.
- b) She storms off angrily.
- c) She fights back tears.
- d) She yells, "I told you not to do this!"

9. Which event happened last in the story?

- a) Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Lynn.
- b) Lynn takes the clothes down to the homeless shelter.
- c) They dance together all night long.
- d) The Friendly Five join hands and shout, "One down, one to go!"

Open-ended Response

Think about the character Mariah in "Mariah Keeps Cool." Give two examples of how you are the same or different from Mariah. Give two examples from the story to support your response.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Inference	R5.A.1.3.1
2	d	Characterization	R5.B.1.1.1
3	c	Setting	R5.B.1.1.1
4	a	Synonyms	R5.A.1.1.2
5	d	Inference	R5.A.1.3.1
6	d	Genre	R5.A.1.6.1
7	a	Antonyms	R5.A.1.1.2
8	c	Characterization	R5.B.1.1.1
9	d	Sequence	R5.B.3.3.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Mariah and uses two examples from the story.

2 Points

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Mariah and uses one example from the story.

1 Point

Paragraph describes whether the student is / is not like Mariah and uses no examples from the story.

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Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete