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Grade: 5 Reading

Date _____

Theme Five Selection: 2

"Pioneer Girl"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. What did Poppie mean when he told Grace, "You'll have to be my herd boy now, Pete"?

- a) Poppie wished he had a son to help him with the chores.
- b) Poppie would not be able to work with the cattle anymore.
- c) Grace would be taking care of the cattle, which was usually a boy's job.
- d) Pete would be helping Grace with the farm chores.

2. The sun is pouring down on the McCances when they were eating breakfast because

- a) the roof was damaged in a snowstorm.
- b) the family is too big to eat inside.
- c) fire burned down their house.
- d) the roof was blown away during a big hailstorm.

3. Which sentence from the selection is an opinion?

- a) "The third barrel was the best."
- b) "In the summer of 1887, Poppie bought a small herd of cattle."
- c) "Pearlie the cow had a calf."
- d) "The girls helped Mama carry water to clean up."

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

"_____ could pound crops to pieces in a matter of minutes, and injure or kill birds and animals."

Which compound word **best** fits in the sentence above?

- a) Shortgrass
- b) Homestead
- c) Firebreaks
- d) Hailstorms

5. Why do you think the author focuses on the weather?

- a) To write a fun interesting story.
- b) to make the reader feel sad.
- c) To make the reader want to live on the prairie.
- d) To show that life was difficult and full of worry.

6. The genre of this selection is

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

7. Which word is an antonym for **discouraged**?

- a) sad
- b) poor
- c) hopeful
- d) angry

8. Which definition **best** fits claim as used below?

That changed when the Yoders, who had been the McCances neighbors in Missouri, took a claim next door.

- a) a story told by a settler
- b) a piece of land claimed by a settler
- c) a large area of flat grasslands
- d) a chunk of grassy soil held together by grassy roots

9. Read the sentence below.

Suddenly the darkness, black and thick as velver, was ripped apart by a terrible blue flash of lightning.

The underlined phrase is an example of

- a) a similie
- b) alliteration
- c) rhyme
- d) onomatopoeia

Open-ended Response

In your own words, summarize how life on the prairie was both hard and fun for homestead children. Use at least two details from the selection to support your response.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	c	Inferences	R5.A.2.3
2	d	Noting Details	R5.A.2.7
3	a	Fact/Opinion	R5.A.2.6
4	d	Vocabulary	R5.A.1.1
5	d	Inference	R5.A.1.3
6	a	Genre	R5.A.1.6
7	c	Antonyms	R5.A.1.1
8	b	Vocabulary	R5.A.2.1
9	a	Similie	R5.B.2.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph describes how life on the prairie was both hard and fun for homestead children and uses 2 examples from the selection to support the response.

2 Points

Paragraph describes how life on the prairie was both hard and fun for homestead children and uses 1 example from the selection.

1 Point

Paragraph describes how life on the prairie was both hard and fun for homestead children without using examples from the selection

0 Points

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