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Grade: 6      Reading

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Theme Five Selection: 1

"Jackie Joyner-Kersey"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. How did Mr. Ward feel after watching Jackie try the long jump?

- a) sad because her success might upset his other jumper, Gwen Brown
- b) angry because Jackie jumped without permission.
- c) surprised because she did so well
- d) concerned because he felt Jackie might have hurt herself

2. Read this sentence "He gave me a consoling pat on the back as we walked back to his car." What is a synonym for consoling?

- a) quick
- b) comforting
- c) forceful
- d) gentle

3. Joyner got sick while running after she \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) practiced jumping
- b) ran too fast
- c) ate junk food
- d) walked from home

4. What tells you that Joyner had the will to succeed?

- a) She was the only team member who wanted to continue running.
- b) She remained silent while the coach was talking to the team.
- c) She became discouraged after failing to win any races.
- d) She agreed to run on the 550 yard cinder track.

5. The track at Lincoln Park was unconventional because it measured longer than most. What is another word or phrase form unconventional?

- a) oval-shaped
- b) too long
- c) normal
- d) not standard

6. What kind of genre is this passage?

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

7. What point of view is this passage told from?

- a) first person
- b) second person
- c) third person
- d) narrator

8. What one statement did George Ward **NOT** do to help Jackie develop her athletic ability?

- a) let her join the team
- b) cooked her breakfast
- c) gave her rides to practice
- d) told her not to be discouraged

9. What did Jackie do to make herself a better athlete?

- a) worked hard even when it was difficult
- b) drank power shakes
- c) invested in good running shoes
- d) bought a stop watch to time herself

## Open-ended Response

How did Jackie Joyner-Kersey achieve her goal? Give at least 2 examples from the story to support your answer.

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**Answer Key and Eligible Content**

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	c	Inference	R6.A.2.3.1
2	b	Synonyms	R6.A.1.1.2
3	c	Sequence	R6.A.2.5.1
4	a	Inference	R6.A.2.3.1
5	d	Vocabulary	R6.A.2.1.1
6	c	Genre	R6.A.1.6
7	a	Point of View	R6.B.2.2.1
8	b	Inference	R6.A.2.3.1
9	a	Inference	R6.A.2.3.1

**Open-ended Rubric**

**3 Points**

Paragraph describes whether Jackie achieves her goal and uses 2 examples from the selection to support the response.

**2 Points**

Paragraph describes whether Jackie achieves her goal and uses 1 example from the selection.

**1 Point**

Paragraph describes whether Jackie achieves her goal without using examples from the selection.

**0 Points**

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