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# Weekly Test Lesson 17

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## The Three Rs

People in the United States often use things only one time and then throw them away. Using things once is often easier. Throwing something away means it does not have to be washed or stored. But what happens to all the things people throw away? They become huge mounds of garbage. This garbage harms Earth. It is important to keep Earth clean. People should have a better plan for their garbage. People of all ages need to reduce, reuse, and recycle. This plan is known as the Three Rs. There are some ways everyone can be a part of this plan.

The first R is for *reduce*. Reducing waste means to use less stuff. Everyone should buy only what they need and no extras. Then people should think about the packaging they buy. For example, a large container of juice can be bought and put into reusable cups or bottles. This uses less than buying many smaller containers of juice. The less packaging people buy, the less they need to throw away. Another example is how people get their drinking water. Water does not need to be bought at a store most of the time. People can simply fill reusable water bottles rather than buying bottled water. Also, adults should bring reusable shopping bags to the store. This keeps a lot of plastic and paper bags from being used. Less waste will end up in the trash that way.

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## Reading

The second R is for *reuse*. Reusing something means to use it again. Sometimes product packaging can be reused. There are many interesting craft ideas that use old packaging. For example, milk cartons, toilet paper rolls, and egg cartons can be used in art projects. Some people even sell special crafts made out of reused materials. People should not throw good things away when they no longer need them. Instead, people should find others who can use the items. People can give their unwanted things to friends or charitable organizations. Kids can give clothes and toys that they have outgrown to younger kids. Garage sales are another way to reuse unwanted items without throwing them away.

The third R is for *recycle*. Recycling means to change into material that can be used for something else. Many different things can be recycled. Cans, cardboard, glass, paper, bottles, and plastic bags are some examples. When these materials are recycled, they become new things. These new things may be books, T-shirts, combs, or even computer cases. In some neighborhoods, recycle trucks come to people's homes. These people can recycle easily because they can put recyclables in a bin. Other people have to work a little harder to recycle. They might need to bring their recyclable materials to a local recycling center.

There will be less trash on Earth if everyone follows these suggestions. Less trash helps Earth stay clean. Everyone should choose at least one of the Three Rs.

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## Reading

- 1 Read the sentences from the passage.

People should not throw good things away when they no longer need them. Instead, people should find others who can use the items. People can give their unwanted things to friends or charitable organizations. Kids can give clothes and toys that they have outgrown to younger kids. Garage sales are another way to reuse unwanted items without throwing them away.

What does the author think is a good age to start reusing?

- (A) You can be any age.
- (B) You need to be a child.
- (C) You need to be an adult.
- (D) You need to be a teenager.

- 2 Read the sentence from the passage.

These people can recycle easily because they can put recyclables in a bin.

What does the word easily mean?

- (A) not easy
- (B) the most easy
- (C) in an easy way
- (D) to be easy again

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- 3 Mark the boxes to show whether each statement is a conclusion or a detail that supports the conclusion.

	Conclusion	Detail
Use reusable water bottles.		
It is easy to reduce waste.		
Bring reusable shopping bags to the store.		
Buy a large container of juice and pour it into reusable cups.		

- 4 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

### Part A

Which detail is an opinion?

- (A) The first R is for *reduce*.
- (B) It is harder for some people to recycle.
- (C) Recycling turns used things into other things.
- (D) A variety of everyday objects can be recycled.

### Part B

Which detail from the passage **best** supports the answer to part A?

- (A) Cans, cardboard, glass, paper, bottles, and plastic bags are things that can be recycled.
- (B) Used materials may become books, T-shirts, combs, or computer cases.
- (C) People can recycle by putting their recyclables in a bin.
- (D) Some people take their recyclable materials to a local recycling center.

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- 5 What is the author’s opinion of the Three Rs?
- Ⓐ The Three Rs are only for kids.
  - Ⓑ The Three Rs are a great way to help keep Earth clean.
  - Ⓒ The Three Rs are a way to create new things out of old things.
  - Ⓓ The Three Rs are a way to give things to people who want them.
- 6 Why is it important to reduce, reuse, and recycle? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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## Writing

- 7 Choose the sentence that contains a spelling error.
- Ⓐ Bring a jacket in case it is cold.
  - Ⓑ My father likes to danse while he cooks.
  - Ⓒ It was fun to watch the ball bounce off the wall.
  - Ⓓ My dog knows to be gentle with my baby brother.
- 8 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?
- Ⓐ Marco is taller than Eric.
  - Ⓑ Megan is the faster runner in her class.
  - Ⓒ The little dog is louder than the big one.
  - Ⓓ The red coat is warmer than the white one.
- 9 Read the paragraph. Underline the sentence that contains an error in grammar usage.

Carolyn was making a painting for a contest. Her first painting was pretty but not great. The second painting she made was prettiest than the first one, but it wasn't perfect. The third painting she made was the greatest of them all.

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**Writing**

- 10 Byron is writing a paper to share how he feels about having a pet. Read the beginning of his paper.

I think pets are wonderful. They come in all sorts of different shapes, sizes, and kinds. Some are slow. Others are fast. Some live in water, and some live on land. I believe everyone should have a pet.

Revise Byron's paper to include more convincing details to support his opinion.

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