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Weekly Test Lesson 23

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Sam's Surprise

Sam was munching on mulberry leaves as all silkworms like to do. He looked up and saw a spider above him quietly spinning long, thin bits of silk. As quickly as she spun them, she laced them together in a pretty web.

“Wow, that is amazing!” said Sam. “Who taught you how to weave silk?”

“No one,” said Spider with a smug flip of her head. “It’s just what spiders do!”

Sam wanted to get a closer look, but he stayed where he was. He knew better than to go near Spider’s web.

Soon after that, Sam began to change. He didn’t want to eat, and he grew very fast. He shed his skin for a larger skin four times! Then one day came the biggest change of all. Sam’s head began to sway, and then all at once, a thread slid from his mouth.

“I’m spinning silk!” he cried in surprise.

Sam’s body seemed to know just what to do. His head moved faster, and the thread grew longer. Relentlessly, Sam spun and wove and spun and wove. He didn’t stop to rest. Three days later, he was inside a big silk egg where he fell fast asleep.

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When he woke up, Sam felt strange. He carefully squeezed out of the pinhole he had left in the silk egg and looked at himself in a puddle below. He did not see a worm. He saw silky white wings and a fuzzy body. Sam was a moth!

“Wow!” said a voice behind him. It was Spider admiring his egg. “Who taught you to spin silk?”

“No one,” said Sam. He spread his new wings wide. “There are some things that silkworms just do!”

- 1 Why does Sam not go near Spider’s web?
- Ⓐ He knows the web traps bugs.
 - Ⓑ He knows there are no leaves to eat there.
 - Ⓒ He knows he could slip through it and fall.
 - Ⓓ He knows Spider hates to share her secrets.

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- 2 Read this sentence from the passage.

He carefully squeezed out of the pinhole he had left in the silk egg and looked at himself in a puddle below.

What is the meaning of the word pinhole as it is used in the sentence?

- Ⓐ a wide opening
 - Ⓑ a very small hole
 - Ⓒ a place to hold pins
 - Ⓓ a colorful spinning toy
- 3 Why did Sam shed his skin?
- Ⓐ He had to change his color.
 - Ⓑ He quit eating so it was loose.
 - Ⓒ He grew too big for the old one.
 - Ⓓ He needed to use it to make silk.

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4 Why does Sam feel strange when he wakes up? Use details from the passage to explain your answer.

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

Part A

What does Sam know at the end of the passage that he did not know before?

- Ⓐ Spiders are fuzzy and white.
- Ⓑ Puddles are like mirrors.
- Ⓒ Sam can spin a web.
- Ⓓ Sam can spin silk.

Part B

Which lines from the passage **best** support the answer to part A?

- Ⓐ “Wow, that is amazing!” said Sam. “Who taught you how to weave silk?”
- Ⓑ Soon after that, Sam began to change. He didn’t want to eat, and he grew very fast.
- Ⓒ Sam’s body seemed to know just what to do. His head moved faster and the thread grew longer.
- Ⓓ “Wow!” said a voice behind him. It was Spider admiring his egg. “Who taught you to spin silk?”

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6 Label each step for changing from a silkworm to a moth in the correct order in which it happened, starting with what silkworms eat. The first step will be labeled 1, and the last step will be labeled 4.

___ The silkworm spins silk.

___ The silkworm grows larger.

___ The moth leaves the silk egg.

___ The silkworm eats mulberry leaves.

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Writing

- 7 Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- Ⓐ We have a big storm last night.
 - Ⓑ Abby had fun at yesterday's game.
 - Ⓒ Lee and Maria had a lot to do last week.
 - Ⓓ Jonas had a good time at the party yesterday.
- 8 Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- Ⓐ I had soup for dinner.
 - Ⓑ He did the dishes last night.
 - Ⓒ She has smaller feet last year.
 - Ⓓ You do lots of chores around the house.
- 9 Read the story. Underline the word that is spelled incorrectly.

Marcella tripped and hurt her toe.

“I can't believe how painfull it is,” she said weakly.

“Here, let me help you,” her sister said kindly.

Marcella was very thankful.

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Writing

- 10 Chen is writing about his trip to the zoo. Read this paragraph from his draft. Then complete the task that follows.

I heard a loud roar, so I looked around the corner. It was a massive male lion! I looked at his large head and his sharp teeth. He looked back at me through the glass.

Chen wants to replace the word *looked* each time it is in his writing. Rewrite the paragraph and replace the word *looked* each time it is in a sentence.
