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Weekly Test Lesson 26

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

A New Hockey Team

Emilio loved watching the red line on the thermometer drop as the weather got colder and colder. Winter was hockey weather, and Emilio loved hockey. For the entire winter, he spent every free minute at the ice skating rink, practicing his moves. He watched every hockey game he could see on television, and he even had his own small hockey stick.

Emilio had never had the opportunity to play on a hockey team. His friends played youth league baseball, and there was a soccer camp in the summer. However, there were no hockey teams in his town.

One day Emilio's parents stood outside the ice skating rink, watching him weave back and forth on his skates. "It's too bad that Emilio can't play on a team," his mother said.

"The only reason there is no team is that no one has sponsored one," his father replied. "Maybe we could do something about that."

That night, Emilio's parents told him their idea. "Do you think that any of your friends would be interested in playing on a hockey team?" they asked.

"Sure!" Emilio replied enthusiastically. "I've been teaching some of them how to skate, and they are loving it almost as much as I do. There are lots of kids who would like to play hockey."

During the next few weeks, Emilio helped his parents discuss the idea with other adults in the community. The local grocery store agreed to sponsor a team and pay for uniforms, and other businesses, like the pencil factory, made donations to help pay for transportation, as well as other costs. The manager of the skating rink even agreed to set aside a few hours each week for the team to practice. Emilio's father coached the team, and several other parents signed up to help.

The next winter the team was ready, as team members had spent hours practicing and preparing to play games. Attired in their new blue and yellow uniforms, they piled onto the bus for the hour-long drive to the nearest town with a hockey team.

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“Are you prepared, Emilio?” his father asked as he stepped off the bus.

“Yes!” Emilio exclaimed. “I can’t wait to play my first real game, and I know we’re going to win!”

After two periods, Emilio’s team was behind by two goals. In the last seconds of the final period, Emilio scored a goal. Then time ran out. His team had lost the game by one goal.

On the ride home, Emilio sat staring dejectedly out the window of the bus. His father sat down beside him.

“You played a very good game, Emilio,” he said, “and you should feel good about that.”

“We lost,” Emilio said sadly. “I guess I won’t be a hockey player when I grow up, after all.”

“Emilio,” his father said. “You played very well today. If you truly enjoy hockey, you should continue to play. You can’t win every game. When you are older, you may or may not decide that you want to be a hockey player. I will be proud of you no matter what you decide to be when you grow up.”

Emilio thought about that for a moment. Then he turned to his father, a big smile on his face. “When do we start practicing for the next game?”

1 Read the sentence from the passage.

The local grocery store agreed to sponsor a team and pay for uniforms, and other businesses, like the pencil factory, made donations to help pay for transportation, as well as other costs.

What does the word factory mean as it is used in the sentence?

- Ⓐ a place where pencils are made
- Ⓑ a place where pencils are heated
- Ⓒ a place where pencils are donated
- Ⓓ a place where pencils are measured

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

Part A

What is the first problem Emilio faces in this story?

- (A) His hockey team loses its first game.
- (B) His parents do not want him to play hockey.
- (C) He loves hockey, but none of his friends like to play.
- (D) He does not have the opportunity to play hockey with a team.

Part B

Choose the sentence that **best** supports the answer to part A.

- (A) His friends played youth league baseball, and there was a soccer camp in the summer.
- (B) However, there were no hockey teams in his town.
- (C) One day Emilio's parents stood outside the ice skating rink, watching him weave back and forth on his skates.
- (D) His team had lost the game by one goal.

- 3 Read the paragraphs from the passage. Underline the sentence that explains why Emilio is upset.

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- 4 Why is this passage set in and around an ice skating rink?
- (A) to show how exciting this town can be
 - (B) to show how important hockey is to Emilio
 - (C) to show what happens during a hockey game
 - (D) to show how Emilio's parents help him achieve his goal

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- 5 How does Emilio help get funding for a hockey team?
- Ⓐ He teaches his friends how to skate.
 - Ⓑ He spends a lot of time at the skating rink.
 - Ⓒ He asks his father to coach his hockey team.
 - Ⓓ He goes with his parents to ask local businesses to support a team.
- 6 What kind of person is Emilio? Use evidence from the passage to support your answer.

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Writing

- 7 Which sentence is written correctly?
- (A) Julian was faster than Danny, but Rob was the fast of all of them.
 - (B) Julian was fast than Danny, but Rob was the fastest of all of them.
 - (C) Julian was faster than Danny, but Rob was the fastest of all of them.
 - (D) Julian was fastest than Danny, but Rob was the fastest of all of them.
- 8 Which sentence is written correctly?
- (A) The cupcakes were good, but the cookies tasted goodest.
 - (B) The cupcakes were good, but the cookies tasted betterer.
 - (C) The cupcakes were good, but the cookies tasted gooder.
 - (D) The cupcakes were good, but the cookies tasted better.
- 9 Which sentence is written correctly?
- (A) Therese had more marbles than Chloe, but Robert had the very mostest marbles of all of them.
 - (B) Therese had more marbles than Chloe, but Robert had the most marbles of all of them.
 - (C) Therese had more marbles than Chloe, but Robert had the morer marbles of all of them.
 - (D) Therese had more marbles than Chloe, but Robert had the very more marbles of all of them.
- 10 Cole wrote a paragraph about a trip to a sporting event. Read the paragraph. Underline the **two** misspelled words.

Last summar, my family went to a swimming competition. We went to watch my sister, Alexa, swim. All of the racers looked strong, and they could swim really fast! Later, we even saw divers do flips from the diving board. I am proud to say that Alexa was the best swimmur there. She won first place!