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# Weekly Test Lesson 10

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

## Brave Bessie Coleman

Bessie Coleman had a dream. She wanted to be an airplane pilot. But two big things stood in her way—she was a woman and she was African American.

Coleman was born in 1892 in Texas. She was one of thirteen children. Coleman's father left when Coleman was a child. The family was very poor. Her mother and brothers worked. Coleman stayed home and cared for her two younger sisters. The children helped earn money by picking cotton. They also helped their mother wash clothes for people.

Coleman went to school in a one-room schoolhouse. She loved to read to her brothers and sisters. After she finished high school, she worked and saved her money to go to college. She went to a college in Oklahoma, but she had to leave after a year. She did not have enough money to pay for classes.

In 1915, Coleman moved to Chicago. She lived with her brothers and went to beauty school. Soon she got a job and moved into her own apartment.

While in Chicago, Coleman fell in love with airplanes. She listened to stories about World War I pilots. She read every book she could find about airplanes and flying. She wanted to take flying lessons. She searched for flight schools, but the schools would not teach her because she was African American and a woman.

Coleman refused to give up her dream. She learned that she could get a pilot's license in France. There, people did not care about her race or that she was a woman. Coleman learned French, saved her money, and moved to Paris. In 1921, she became the first American woman and first African American in the world to get a pilot's license.

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## Reading

Coleman returned to America. She spoke to people all over the country about flying and encouraged them to learn to fly. She also bought her own plane and flew in air shows where she amazed crowds by doing tricks like loops and rolls.

Coleman did not let the color of her skin or the fact that she was a woman stand in her way. She worked hard to reach her goals. Today, her life continues to encourage everyone who dares to dream.

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- 1 Which event happened **first** in Coleman's life?
- (A) She lived in Paris.
  - (B) She lived in Texas.
  - (C) She moved to France.
  - (D) She moved to Chicago.

- 2 Read this paragraph from the passage.

While in Chicago, Coleman fell in love with airplanes. She listened to stories about World War I pilots. She read every book she could find about airplanes and flying. She wanted to take flying lessons. She searched for flight schools, but the schools would not teach her because she was African American and a woman.

Which sentence **best** states the main idea of this paragraph?

- (A) Coleman loved planes and wanted to become a pilot.
- (B) Coleman liked pilots and wanted to study them.
- (C) Coleman searched for flight schools and stories.
- (D) Coleman read books and listened to stories.

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Reading

3 Read the sentence from the passage.

In 1921, she became the first American woman and first African American in the world to get a pilot's license.

Which word means **almost the same** as get?

- Ⓐ win
- Ⓑ find
- Ⓒ earn
- Ⓓ discover

4 Read this paragraph from the passage.

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Briefly explain the main idea of this paragraph. Be sure to use details from the paragraph to support your response.

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## Reading

- 5 Label each event from the story in the order in which it happened. The first event will be labeled 1, and the last event will be labeled 5.

\_\_\_ Coleman went to school in a one-room schoolhouse.

\_\_\_ In 1921, Coleman became the first American woman and first African American in the world to earn a pilot's license.

\_\_\_ Coleman went to a college in Oklahoma, but she had to leave after a year.

\_\_\_ Coleman bought her own plane and flew in air shows.

\_\_\_ Coleman got a job and moved out of her brothers' home and into her own apartment.

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

**Part A**

What is the main idea of the passage?

- Ⓐ Coleman helped raise her sisters.
- Ⓑ Coleman reached her dream of living in France.
- Ⓒ Coleman worked hard to get a college education.
- Ⓓ Coleman did not let anything keep her from her dreams.

**Part B**

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

- Ⓐ Coleman left college in Oklahoma after one year.
- Ⓑ Coleman went to school in a one-room schoolhouse.
- Ⓒ Coleman stayed home and cared for her two younger sisters.
- Ⓓ Coleman learned French, saved her money, and moved to Paris.

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## Writing

- 7 Which sentence is written correctly?
- (A) Maggie takes its lunch to school every Friday.
  - (B) Maggie takes his lunch to school every Friday.
  - (C) Maggie takes her lunch to school every Friday.
  - (D) Maggie takes their lunch to school every Friday.
- 8 Read each pair of sentences. Choose the pair in which one of the sentences contains an error in grammar usage.
- (A) Bailey likes pets. She has a fish, a dog, and a cat.
  - (B) Heather's house has a red door. It also has a green roof.
  - (C) Javier's book is about space. It wants to learn about the planets.
  - (D) Elijah and Gabe play on the same soccer team. They are also in the same class.

- 9 Read the sentence.

She watched from across the room.

Which word **best** replaces the underlined word?

- (A) Mrs. Genner
  - (B) Mr. Perez
  - (C) Bill's dad
  - (D) The door
- 10 Hector is writing a story for class. Underline the **two** words that are spelled incorrectly.

Something awful has happened! My hamster is gawn. I always check to make sure the cage door is shut. I guess I forgawt this morning. Let's crawl on the floor and look for him.