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Weekly Test Lesson 12

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Experiencing the Chicago World's Fair

"I'm so excited, Dad," Ruth said as she stood in line, bouncing with excitement. "The opening of the 1893 World's Fair is finally here. I was beginning to think this day would never come."

"It almost didn't, or at least not in Chicago," her dad replied. "If my boss, Lyman Gage, had not raised several million dollars in one day three years ago, the World's Fair would have been in New York."

"If the money was raised three years ago, why on earth has it taken so long to open the fair?" Ruth asked.

Her dad answered, "We thought it would only take two years, but there was a lot of work that needed to be done. There were several architects working under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted, who designed more than 200 buildings, and that was just the start."

"Didn't Sophia Hayden design the Woman's Building?" Ruth asked. "I really want to see that building. I think it would be so cool to see a building designed by one of the first female architects."

"You have your facts right, Ruth," her dad replied. "But if the work stopped with the architects, we would just have building designs. Workers built the buildings with staff, which is a temporary building material made of plaster of Paris and hemp fiber.

"Then after the buildings went up," Ruth's dad continued, "there were 72,000 tons of exhibit materials shipped in to create over 250,000 exhibits."

"Wow!" Ruth exclaimed. "No wonder it took so long. Look, it's our turn to go into the fair! Can we go to the Ferris wheel first?"

"Sure," her dad replied. "Just stay close because I don't want to lose you in this crowd."

Ruth took her dad's hand as they fought their way through the crowd. It was loud, and the air seemed to buzz with excitement.

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“Do I smell cheese?” Ruth inquired.

“You probably do,” her dad replied. “Let’s duck into this building on the way to the Ferris wheel, and I think you’ll discover where the smell is coming from.”

“This is incredible. I can’t believe what I’m seeing!” Ruth told her dad. “I have never seen such a huge block of cheese. Look, the sign says it is 11 tons—that’s a lot of cheese! It’s no wonder I could smell it from outside the building.”

“Just wait,” her dad said. “This is only one of the many exhibits. I am guessing your favorite will be the 1,500-pound chocolate statue, which is a replica of Venus de Milo.”

“Wow! That sounds even cooler than this cheese,” Ruth replied. “I wonder who gets to eat all that chocolate when this fair is over. I can’t wait to see it, but let’s head to the Ferris wheel before we look at anything else.”

“Okay,” her dad said, looking amused.

Ruth and her dad arrived at the line for the Ferris wheel. After a long wait, they joined 58 other people getting into one of the cars.

“How many people can this Ferris wheel hold?” Ruth asked.

“I have heard it holds 2,160 people,” her dad answered.

The Ferris wheel moved several times to load passengers until finally Ruth and her dad were at the top.

“This is breathtaking,” Ruth exclaimed. “It might have taken a lot of time, money, and work, but it was all worth it. This World’s Fair is amazing. I am so glad you brought me here. And how amazing to know that my dad had a part in it all. You’re the best, Dad!” And despite being surrounded by a car full of 58 other people suspended more than 250 feet in the air, Ruth reached over to give her dad a big hug.

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Reading

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

- ___ Builders made the buildings out of staff.
- ___ The World's Fair was opened to the public.
- ___ Architects designed more than 200 buildings.
- ___ There were 72,000 tons of exhibit materials shipped.
- ___ Chicago won the bid for the World's Fair over New York.

- 2 Read the paragraph from the passage.

Ruth took her dad's hand as they fought their way through the crowd. It was loud, and the air seemed to buzz with excitement.

What is the effect of the author's use of the word buzz?

- (A) The word buzz gives the idea of annoying sounds being made.
 - (B) The word buzz shows that a swarm of bees had entered the building.
 - (C) The word buzz gives the idea of a lot of noise, energy, and quick movement.
 - (D) The word buzz shows that the noise inside the fair sounded the same as a phone ringing.
- 3 What is the first thing Ruth and her dad do when they get into the World's Fair?
- (A) They wait in line for the Ferris wheel.
 - (B) They look at an 11-ton piece of cheese.
 - (C) They look at a 1,500-pound chocolate statue.
 - (D) They walk to the building designed by Sophia Hayden.

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- 4 Read the sentences from the passage.

“This is incredible. I can’t believe what I’m seeing!” Ruth told her dad.

Which word has almost the same meaning as the word incredible as it is used in the passage?

- Ⓐ disappointing
 - Ⓑ amazing
 - Ⓒ weird
 - Ⓓ scary
- 5 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

How does Ruth feel about her dad?

- Ⓐ Ruth is proud of her dad for the work he has done on the World’s Fair.
- Ⓑ Ruth loves her dad but is sad the fair took so much of his time away from her.
- Ⓒ Ruth is sure her dad was the only important person to work on the World’s Fair.
- Ⓓ Ruth likes what her dad did for the World’s Fair but thinks he could have done a better job.

Part B

Underline **two** sentences that support the answer to part A.

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- 6 Based on what you read in the passage, do you think that only people in Chicago were involved in creating and attending the World's Fair? Why or why not? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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Writing

- 7 Read the sentences and complete the task that follows.

I can't wait to show you my sister new horse. She loves him so much.

What revision is needed in this sentence?

- (A) Change sister to sisters.
 - (B) Change sister to sister's.
 - (C) Change sister to sisters'.
 - (D) Change sister to sisters's.
- 8 Which sentence contains an error in grammar usage?
- (A) Jerry dropped the box's lid.
 - (B) Lira stepped on the girl's toys.
 - (C) Jerrol brought the child's lunch.
 - (D) Lerit got mud on his friends's rug.
- 9 Read the paragraph. Underline **two** words that are spelled incorrectly.

Fall is a fun time. Rakeing leaves seems boring, but it is a lot of fun when you get to jump in the leaves. Of course, after you have jumped in the leaves, you have to rake them up again. Still, playing in the leaves makes all the effort worth it, no matter how hard you workd.

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Writing

- 10 Lorena is writing an opinion piece for school. Read her paragraph. Then complete the task that follows.

There is a lot of work to be done in school. Most of this work requires students to sit down and be quiet. Students sit too long in school. There are several ways this problem could be solved. Have students get up and do three minutes of exercise every hour. Students could have a short extra recess in the afternoon.

Revise the paragraph to include words that connect Lorena's opinions and reasons.
