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Weekly Test Lesson 9

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Too Many Dogs!

Rasha and her older brother, Basir, were outside playing with their two dogs. “Suri, fetch!” Rasha called as she threw a stick for her big, black dog. Suri bounded across the lawn and grabbed the stick before happily returning to Rasha’s side to start the game again. Meanwhile, Basir was tossing a ball to Nivi, their little white terrier.

“Rasha! Basir! You are just the people I wanted to see!” called their neighbor, Mr. Cleves. He walked over to the hedge that separated their yards. “I am going out of town for a week on a business trip and need someone to take care of my two dogs, Peanut and Harvey. They need to be fed and walked and played with. Would you two like the job? I can see you love dogs!”

“Of course, we are happy to help,” Rasha said.

“Are you sure all those dogs won’t be too many?” Mr. Cleves asked with a worried frown. “If you’re sure, I’ll go talk to your parents to make sure we have their permission.”

“Of course not!” Rasha said. “There’s no such thing as too many dogs!”

Rasha and Basir’s parents gave their permission, and Rasha and Basir began dog-sitting the very next day. Feeding and playing with the dogs was a lot of fun, but Rasha felt like their most important job was walking them. Each dog had to be taken out twice a day. “It will be hard to manage four dogs all at once,” Basir said, “so I suggest we split them up. We will walk our two dogs first and then come back and walk Peanut and Harvey.”

Basir’s plan worked well. Walking two dogs was no trouble at all with each of them taking charge of one animal. “This job is so easy and so much fun!” Rasha thought as she jogged down the street with Harvey running happily beside her.

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Saturday was a gloomy, rainy day. “It’s the perfect day to go to the movies,” Basir decided. Rasha agreed, and the two made some phone calls to arrange a meeting with their friends at the movie theater downtown. “We have to walk the dogs before we go,” Rasha said. “It’s almost time to leave. Let’s just walk them all together to save time.”

The brother and sister set off down the street, each one holding a leash in each hand. They hadn’t gone far before Rasha’s leashes tangled and Harvey tripped over little Nivi. Rasha bent down to untangle the dogs, but she was pulled off-balance when Peanut jumped in to join the fun. Basir helped straighten out the leashes and they continued on their way.

“Look out!” Basir called as Suri lunged at a passing jogger, barking and jumping. Just then, Peanut saw a squirrel in the yard and ran after it. Basir grabbed their leashes just in time, trying to keep his balance as each dog pulled in a different direction.

Rasha was having her own problems. Harvey decided he didn’t want to walk, so he flopped down in the middle of the sidewalk and refused to budge. Peanut and Nivi danced around him as Suri ran over and rolled in the mud. Rasha and Basir pulled and tugged, trying to straighten out the mess of tangled leashes and dogs. As they looked at each other, Rasha began to laugh. This was all her fault and she knew it.

“Let’s start over,” Basir said as he carefully sorted out his dogs. “I think walking two dogs at a time is enough.”

“I agree,” said Rasha. “Let’s go home and reschedule our movie plans, then try walking the dogs separately. I guess I was wrong!”

“You were wrong about what?” Basir asked.

“There is such a thing as too many dogs!” Rasha said as the dogs barked happily in agreement.

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

Part A

Which word **best** describes the character of Basir?

- (A) sensible
- (B) talkative
- (C) desperate
- (D) unfriendly

Part B

What detail from the passage supports the answer to part A?

- (A) He keeps his balance when the dogs pull in different directions.
- (B) He arranges to go to the movies with friends.
- (C) He makes a plan to walk two dogs at a time.
- (D) He helps Rasha untangle the leashes.

- 2 Read the sentences from the passage.

Rasha bent down to untangle the dogs, but she was pulled off-balance when Peanut jumped in to join the fun. Basir helped straighten out the leashes and they continued on their way.

Which word or phrase means the **opposite** of the word untangle?

- (A) pull apart
- (B) smooth
- (C) mix up
- (D) tighten

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- 3 Mark the boxes to match the descriptions with the characters they describe. Some rows may have more than one answer.

	Basir	Rasha
Agrees to help Mr. Cleves		
Laughs at his or her own mistakes		
Suggests walking all four dogs at the same time		

- 4 What conclusion can you draw about Rasha based on her conversation with Mr. Cleves?
- (A) She wants a dog of her own.
(B) She is annoyed by the neighbor.
(C) She hopes to get paid for doing the job.
(D) She believes taking care of dogs is easy.
- 5 Sometimes Rasha acts before she thinks. Which detail from the passage supports this idea?
- (A) She loves to play fetch with her dogs.
(B) She eagerly volunteers to help her neighbor.
(C) She decides to walk two dogs at the same time.
(D) She plans a movie date with her brother and their friends.

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- 6 Humor is an important part of this story. Describe a humorous scene from the story and explain what makes it funny. Be sure to use specific examples from the passage to support your answer.

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7 Which sentence contains a spelling error?

- (A) It took a long time to repair the car.
- (B) Josie's brother wanted to stear the ship.
- (C) Robert could not get the car into the right gear.
- (D) We heard a strange noise coming from upstairs.

8 Which sentence has an error in grammar usage?

- (A) The dog ran out, and I knew I had to go after him.
- (B) We wanted to shop longer, but the store was closing.
- (C) The movie was very good but I liked the book better.
- (D) The girls went to the basketball game and had a great time.

9 Read the sentences.

Chloe got a job at the grocery store.

Chloe wanted money for a new bike.

What is the **best** way to rewrite the sentences?

- (A) Chloe got a job and a bike.
- (B) Chloe got a job at the grocery store, but she wanted money for a new bike.
- (C) Chloe got a job at the grocery store and Chloe wanted money for a new bike.
- (D) Chloe got a job at the grocery store because she wanted money for a new bike.

10 Read the paragraph. Underline the **two** sentences that have errors in grammar usage.

Naya always wanted a pet. She asked her parents many times but they always said no. Naya's brother was afraid of dogs and cats. Her sister did not like lizards, bugs, or snakes. Naya had an idea. She brought home a goldfish in a bowl. Everyone thought the fish was cute, because it was easy to take care of. Finally, Naya had a pet of her own!