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Weekly Test Lesson 1

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

Late to Play

Fernando yawned, stretched, and looked at the clock on his bureau. He was supposed to meet his friend Miguel at the park at 9:00, and it was already 8:15. Forty-five minutes was barely sufficient time to dress, consume breakfast, and bicycle to the park with his mother. Fernando swung his feet to the floor, but then he collapsed back on the bed. He was always lethargic first thing in the morning and had difficulty moving quickly. Maybe being a few minutes tardy was acceptable; after all, Fernando was typically late. In fact, he was virtually always delayed, so surely Miguel would not expect promptness this week.

On the other hand, Miguel was consistently early, even knowing Fernando customarily ran behind schedule. Their individual habits were as predictable as sunrise and sunset. However, Miguel had started complaining about Fernando's chronic lateness. Fernando had to acknowledge the unfairness of constantly making Miguel wait.

Fernando scrambled out of bed, determined to change his previous practices. He dressed hastily and dashed to the kitchen, where his mother had breakfast prepared, and announced his plan. If they hustled, he could arrive in advance of Miguel for the first time in their history. That would be a monumental surprise for Miguel!

Across the city, Miguel pondered his itinerary. He'd slept longer than normal, but he still had adequate time to reach the park on schedule. Besides, Fernando was persistently late, so why should Miguel hurry? He had a leisurely breakfast and washed his dishes. He even waited patiently while his teenage brother Nicolau finished a telephone call to his girlfriend. They finally departed with their dog, Chico, at 9:00. Miguel remained unconcerned while Chico loitered on the way, stopping to examine every fragment of sidewalk.

Meanwhile, at the park, Fernando scanned the area, anticipating Miguel's appearance. Fernando's mother was already conversing with friends, but Fernando had nothing to absorb his interest. He hadn't realized how tedious it was to hang around unoccupied, unable to start an activity since his friend might show up momentarily. Now he felt especially ashamed of how frequently he had made Miguel wait for him.

At 9:15, Miguel, Nicolau, and Chico entered the park and Nicolau went off to the basketball court. Miguel was astonished to see Fernando already sitting by the fountain where they usually met. Miguel approached Fernando and exclaimed, "You're early!"

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“You’re late!” Fernando said simultaneously.

Miguel chuckled and said, “I decided to dawdle today, since you’re usually late. I didn’t intend to make you wait for me.”

Fernando said, “I resolved to hustle this morning, so I could be early for once. I apologize for usually making you wait for me, and I’ll try to be on time in the future.”

“That sounds fair to me,” Miguel agreed. “If we’re both punctual, we won’t squander a moment of our day together!”

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- 1 What is the setting of the text?
- (A) The text is set in a city in historic times.
 - (B) The text is set in a city in modern times.
 - (C) The text is set in the country in historic times.
 - (D) The text is set in the country in modern times.
- 2 Read the paragraph from the text. Underline the phrase from the text that **best** helps the reader understand the meaning of the word punctual.
- Fernando said, “I resolved to hustle this morning, so I could be early for once. I apologize for usually making you wait for me, and I’ll try to be on time in the future.”
- “That sounds fair to me,” Miguel agreed. “If we’re both punctual, we won’t squander a moment of our day together!”
- 3 How do Miguel and Fernando resolve their differences?
- (A) Miguel decides to be late.
 - (B) The boys meet at the park.
 - (C) Fernando decides to arrive at the park early.
 - (D) The boys decide they should both be punctual.

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

Part A

What is the main conflict of the text?

- Ⓐ Miguel is late for his meeting with Fernando.
- Ⓑ Fernando likes to sleep late on Saturday mornings.
- Ⓒ Fernando is always late while Miguel is always early.
- Ⓓ Miguel has to wait for his brother before he can go to the park.

Part B

Read the sentences from the text. Underline the sentence that **best** shows Fernando's realization of the conflict in part A.

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- 5 What event was the opposite of what both boys expected?
- Ⓐ Fernando and Miguel stay friends despite their different habits.
 - Ⓑ Fernando changes his behavior, but Miguel does not know this is happening.
 - Ⓒ Miguel decides to act like Fernando, but Fernando no longer acts the way he did.
 - Ⓓ Fernando and Miguel both change their behavior, yet they still do not arrive at the same time.

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- 6 What is the point of view of the text, and why does the author choose this point of view? Support your answer with details from the text.

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Writing

- 7 Choose the sentence that contains a spelling error.
- (A) Many children love to climb the old oak tree in the park.
 - (B) The janitor had to scrob all of the classroom floors.
 - (C) Mashed potatoes are one of my favorite foods.
 - (D) Turn the lights off when you leave the kitchen.
- 8 Kevin wrote in his journal about something that happened last weekend. Read the journal entry and the question that follows.

My stepfather took me for a drive all the way out to the country, where there are lots of farm fields and cows. We heard a big bang and the car jumped, so he pulled over to the side of the road and stopped the car. When we got out. We discovered we had a flat tire that had been punctured by a sharp rock. We had to call the tow truck, and we waited for two hours, but it was all right because we had a good talk.

Which revision is needed for the underlined sentences?

- (A) When we got out, we discovered we had a flat tire that had been punctured by a sharp rock.
 - (B) When we got out; we discovered we had a flat tire that had been punctured by a sharp rock.
 - (C) When we got out: we discovered we had a flat tire that had been punctured by a sharp rock.
 - (D) When we got out then we discovered we had a flat tire that had been punctured by a sharp rock.
- 9 Which of the following is an incomplete sentence?
- (A) She hoped to find answers.
 - (B) A scientist experimented.
 - (C) She ran experiments.
 - (D) To check her idea.

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Writing

- 10 Chen is writing a report about Mars. He wants to revise the draft to eliminate errors and make the writing stronger. Underline the **two** incomplete sentences.

Scientists have been studying Mars for many years. NASA scientists sent the Curiosity rover to Mars for scientific research. Curiosity gathered rock and soil samples. Lessons learned from Curiosity. These will be important for later missions. In the future. Scientists hope to bring samples back from Mars.