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Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Use after reading *Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio*, Student Edition pp. 594-607. Choose the best answer for each question.

- ___ 1. Which sentence BEST tells what the story is about?
- a. Mami worries about the family's missing cat.
 - b. A family cat is missing for more than two weeks.
 - c. Luis's band scares the family cat out of the garage.
 - d. A family finds a missing cat and makes a new friend.
- ___ 2. Why does Abuelita avoid answering the telephone?
- a. She prefers to speak to people in person.
 - b. She thinks her only job is cooking.
 - c. The calls are usually for Mami.
 - d. Luis always takes the calls.
- ___ 3. Who is telling the story?
- a. Abuelita
 - b. Mami
 - c. Arturo
 - d. Rosa
- ___ 4. Why does the author say there are "explosions of joy" when Leo Love calls?
- a. to show that the family is very noisy
 - b. to show how everyone feels about his news
 - c. to show what the family thinks about phone calls
 - d. to show that Rosa and Luis have broken something

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- ___ 5. What does the phrase “popcorning up and down” help you understand about Rosa?
- a. She is grabbing Huitla.
 - b. She likes to eat snacks.
 - c. She is very excited.
 - d. She likes to jump.
- ___ 6. The author compares Rosa to a shooting meteor to show that she
- a. acts fast without thinking ahead.
 - b. usually makes a lot of noise.
 - c. often changes her mind.
 - d. likes to study comets.
- ___ 7. Which word BEST describes Abuelita?
- a. confused
 - b. solemn
 - c. dainty
 - d. caring
- ___ 8. How do you know that “Any Small Goodness” is realistic fiction?
- a. The characters have feelings that real people have.
 - b. The setting takes place at a time in the past.
 - c. The events are unlikely to happen in real life.
 - d. The plot has details about events in a real person’s life.

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Focus Skill: Literary Devices

Read the poem. Then choose the best answer for each question.

My Tiger

I have a tiger beneath my bed,
who likes to sleep beside my head.
My pillow smells of catnip plants,
through which my tiger likes to prance.
She wakes me with a loud yow-yow,
That seems to say, "Please get up now!"
Then places both her furry paws,
upon my forehead, nose, and jaw.
Her light brown fur is striped with black,
and without warning she will attack!
To others she may seem quite fierce,
with teeth that bite and claws that pierce.
But I can tame this fearsome cat,
with just a friendly scratch or pat.
That is why this poem was written,
for Tiger, my favorite little kitten.

- ___ 9. Which line from the poem appeals to the sense of sight?
- "That seems to say, 'Please get up now!'"
 - "Then places both her furry paws,"
 - "Her light brown fur is striped with black,"
 - "But I can tame this fearsome cat,"

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___ 10. Read these lines from the poem.

**To others she may seem quite fierce, with teeth that bite and
claws that pierce.**

Which sense do these lines appeal to?

- a. sight
- b. hearing
- c. touch
- d. smell

___ 11. Which line from the poem appeals to the sense of hearing?

- a. "who likes to sleep beside my head."
- b. "She wakes me with a loud yow-yow,"
- c. "upon my forehead, nose, and jaw."
- d. "with just a friendly scratch or pat."

___ 12. Read these lines from the poem.

**My pillow smells of catnip plants, through which my tiger likes to
prance.**

Which sense do these lines appeal to?

- a. sight
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Robust Vocabulary**Choose the best word to complete each sentence.**

- ___ 17. Before we host our family gatherings, my father _____ around the house to get things done.
- a. gouges
 - b. bustles
 - c. enraptures
 - d. monopolizes
- ___ 18. By focusing on positive thoughts, Juan can _____ his nervousness.
- a. assuage
 - b. stammer
 - c. damage
 - d. gouge
- ___ 19. Every time we move the desk, it _____ the floor leaving terrible marks in the wood.
- a. enraptures
 - b. analyzes
 - c. bustles
 - d. gouges

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- ____ 20. The loyal fans greeted their favorite singer with great _____ when she walked onto the stage.
- a. bustling
 - b. damage
 - c. fervor
 - d. basking
- ____ 21. Cassie's room was always cluttered, while Arnie's room was always _____.
- a. deflated
 - b. desolate
 - c. enterprising
 - d. immaculate
- ____ 22. When Tamara's best friend was away for the entire summer, she felt _____.
- a. desolate
 - b. immaculate
 - c. enterprising
 - d. cumbersome

Instructions: Write the correct word in the space before its definition. There may be more than one definition for each word.

- frivolous
 - melancholy
 - misery
 - solitude
1. _____ ● likely to be too silly; lacking sense.
2. _____ ● the condition of living or being by oneself.
3. _____ ● a feeling of sadness or depression.
4. _____ ● a condition in which one is very unhappy or suffers very much.