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Dear Maria,

How are you doing? I am fine. I am so glad it is summer! I went to the beach yesterday. It was so much fun! I found the neatest seashells. One shell is pink and purple. It is spiral-shaped. We took our tubes in the ocean. When a big wave came, we jumped on the tube. We flew high up into the air! It was the best!

We built a huge sandcastle before lunch. My cousin dug a deep moat around the castle and filled it with water. Then I took some of the shells I found and stuck them on the castle. It was such a nice castle. But a big wave came and ate it up! After lunch, we went exploring. We found clams and oysters, and even saw a little crab crawling along the shore. At night, I spotted a group of whales swimming way off in the ocean. I wish they swam closer to the shore so I could see them better!

When I got home, I looked in the mirror and saw that I had a cherry red nose! I had spent too much time in the sun. We should go to the beach together. Next time I see you, I will give you one of the shells I found. Please write back soon. I miss you!

1. Where did the events in this passage take place?

- A. the city
 - B. the beach
 - C. the mountains
 - D. the zoo
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2. Nathan wanted the whales to swim closer to the shore so he could

- A. catch them
 - B. take their picture
 - C. touch them
 - D. see them better
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3. Which of these happened FIRST in the passage?

- A. Nathan saw clams, oysters, and a little crab.
 - B. Nathan promised to send Maria a shell.
 - C. Nathan built a sandcastle with his cousin.
 - D. Nathan looked at his nose in the mirror.
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4. Nathan did each of the following to his sandcastle EXCEPT

- A. put a moat around it
 - B. decorate it with shells
 - C. write his name on it
 - D. pour water around it
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5. Why did Nathan have a cherry red nose?

- A. He spent too much time in the sun.
 - B. He had it painted while playing.
 - C. He came down with a bad cold.
 - D. He had rubbed it too hard.
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6. This passage is an example of

- A. a poem
 - B. a biography
 - C. a letter
 - D. a report
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7. Which of the following words from the passage has a suffix that means *the most*?

- A. spiral-shaped
 - B. neatest
 - C. together
 - D. exploring
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Fireflies

The sounds of cicadas

hum in the trees

as fireflies zip across the front lawn.

Their twinkling tails light up

our glass collecting jars for

one

brief moment

Then we open the pierced lid and let

them out one by one.

Their phosphorescent luster streaks our palms

as our fingers

become launching pads for

their flashy flight into the

overhanging branches of evening.

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8. The purpose of this passage is to

- A. convince the reader to catch fireflies.
 - B. entertain the reader with thoughts of fireflies.
 - C. give the reader facts about fireflies.
 - D. inform the reader how to care for fireflies.
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9. What does the author describe just after the sounds of cicadas in the trees?

- A. the twinkling lights of the fireflies' tails
 - B. fireflies zipping across the front lawn
 - C. the fireflies using fingers for launching pads
 - D. glass jar lids being pierced
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10. What finally happens to the fireflies in the passage?

- A. They stay in glass jars.
 - B. They go to sleep for the night.
 - C. They are set free.
 - D. They stop lighting up.
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11. This passage is an example of what kind of writing?

- A. a story
 - B. a folk tale
 - C. a report
 - D. a poem
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12. When do the events in this passage take place?

- A. one night
 - B. several days
 - C. a whole summer
 - D. many years
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13. What is the root of the word *twinkling*?

- A. twin
 - B. ink
 - C. twinkle
 - D. inkling
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14. The word *overhanging* is an example of

- A. a contraction.
 - B. a compound word.
 - C. a prefix.
 - D. a root word.
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Mohawk River Valley

When the first people settled at various places in the Mohawk River Valley, the river was clean and pure. Boats were used on the river to move people and products from one town to another.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, factories were started in these towns. Towns and factories along the river dumped wastes into the river. As time went on, more and more wastes were dumped into the river. Sometimes chemicals, harmful to the animal and plant life, were put into the river. The river became dirtier and dirtier until the water was no longer fit to drink. Few fish could live in it. It was not even safe for people to swim in. Now people are trying to stop polluting the river so that it will once again be fit to use.

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15. What was the river like when the people FIRST settled there?

- A. unsafe
 - B. clean
 - C. dirty
 - D. sparkling
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16. Why couldn't fish live in the water in the 1900s?

- A. There was a dry spell.
 - B. The water was dirty.
 - C. People were catching fish.
 - D. The river had been dug up.
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17. What is the root word of *dirtier*?

- A. dirtiest
 - B. dire
 - C. dirt
 - D. dirties
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18. What was the result of factories dumping waste into the rivers?

- A. The factories were closed down.
 - B. Boats moved people from place to place.
 - C. New towns developed all over.
 - D. The water was badly polluted.
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19. Which word means the opposite of *harmful*?

- A. related
 - B. safe
 - C. dangerous
 - D. natural
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Cabin Fever Draws Fire

On Monday night the city council voted to let Watson's grocery make a parking lot next to their store. Watson's plans are to level the old log cabin built by the Darke family 150 years ago.

The cabin has been empty for almost thirty years. It needs many repairs. In fact, many people call it an eyesore. They will be glad when it is gone. We, here at *The Hamilton News*, however, believe it is time for people to take action and save this building. The staff members at this newspaper believe that these old logs hold important pieces of our past.

Many stories have been told about the Darke cabin. People say that Mark Twain, the great American writer, stayed here when he was a young man. The cabin is the town's oldest landmark.

Instead of destroying it, we should be rebuilding the cabin into a museum of local history. Of course, we should have done this long ago. We should have put new bricks in the chimney. We should have replaced the panes of glass in the windows.

It is not too late to change "should have" to "must." Let us raise funds now and gather the necessary volunteers. Our town must hold on to its past and not let Watson's grocery bulldoze it into dust.

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20. Plans call for the Darke cabin to be replaced by

- A. a council building
 - B. a grocery store
 - C. a parking lot
 - D. a new cabin
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21. In which paragraph does the author discuss stories about the Darke cabin?

- A. paragraph 1
 - B. paragraph 2
 - C. paragraph 3
 - D. paragraph 4
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22. Which of these events happened FIRST?

- A. The city council held a meeting.
 - B. The cabin was bulldozed.
 - C. Watson's built a grocery.
 - D. The Darke family built a cabin.
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23. Which of these BEST states the ideas in the LAST paragraph?

- A. The city council must take over the cabin.
 - B. With money and people, the cabin can be saved.
 - C. Without Watson's money, the cabin can't be saved.
 - D. People feel guilty for not repairing the cabin.
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24. Which of these could BEST replace the word *landmark* in this passage?

- A. place on a map
 - B. well-known location
 - C. beautiful area
 - D. highest point
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25. The word *eyesore* suggests all of these EXCEPT

- A. ugly
 - B. unfair
 - C. unpleasant
 - D. unappealing
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