Directions:

- **Part 1 Directions**
  1. Read for 30 minutes each day.
  2. Complete the Independent Reading Log after you read each day.

- **Part 2 Directions**
  1. Read the passage.
  2. Answer each question.
  3. Complete the Question Justification Sheet for each question.
  4. Make sure you use textual evidence to help justify your answer and to support your rationale for why the other answer choices are incorrect.
PART 1: Independent Reading
## Independent Reading Log

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PART 2: 
Reading Activity
A Walk Through My Rain Forest
by Isaac Olaleyeye

A walk through my rain forest is haunting.
Its greatness makes me feel very small.
What I see
Of its brilliant beauty
5 Is more than can be described.

I walk into a hidden, green paradise—
Paradise within paradise.
Every corner reveals
Unexpected wonders!

Its ponds are crowded
By a blizzard of butterflies.
Everywhere there is music—
The sounds of rivers,
A rustling of leaves,
15 An outpouring of mockingbirds,
And the forlorn cooing of turtledoves.

The rain forest is the home
Of exotic plants: resurrection lily
Snakewood and zigzag begonia.

The rain forest is my home,
A palace of fragrance and tastes
That delight the senses.
Where the rain forest begins
And ends
20 Is pure paradise.
When I turn to leave,
The trees wave
Good-bye!

"A Walk Through My Rain Forest," © Isaac Olaleye
1 Which line from the poem best helps the reader imagine the flowers and fruits of the rain forest?
   A Is more than can be described.
   B Its ponds are crowded
   C A palace of fragrance and tastes
   D Is pure paradise.

2 In stanza 3, the phrase “Everywhere there is music” indicates that the speaker —
   F is distracted by the different sounds of nature
   G finds the sounds of the rain forest enchanting
   H wishes he could imitate the sounds he hears
   J can recognize certain birds by the sounds they make

3 Read this dictionary entry.

brilliant \\bril-yant\ adj
1. showing great intelligence
2. vivid in appearance 3. full of light 4. excellent or superior in performance

Which definition best matches the way the word brilliant is used in line 4?
   A Definition 1
   B Definition 2
   C Definition 3
   D Definition 4
Throughout the poem, the rain forest is presented as a place that is —

F  attractive to many visitors
G  highly adaptable to change
H  without any imperfections
J  best experienced early in the morning

The poem’s structure helps the reader —

A  picture what a trip to the rain forest is like for the speaker
B  understand how much time the speaker spends in the rain forest
C  examine how the speaker’s emotions about the rain forest change
D  realize how the speaker feels about the rain forest compared with other places

Read this line from the poem.

Its greatness makes me feel very small.

This line helps the reader understand that the speaker —

F  feels unpleasantly overwhelmed by his surroundings
G  would prefer to visit the rain forest with a group of people
H  has a deep appreciation for his surroundings
J  wants to view the rain forest from a higher location
“A Walk Through My Rainforest” | QUESTION 1

Part 1: Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

A     B     C     D

Part 2: Provide justification for your answer.


Part 3: Provide justification for why the other answer choices that you did not select were incorrect.

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“A Walk Through My Rainforest” | QUESTION 2

**Part 1:** Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

F   G   H   J

**Part 2:** Provide justification for your answer.


**Part 3:** Provide justification for why the other answer choices that you did not select were incorrect.

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“A Walk Through My Rainforest” | QUESTION 3

**Part 1:** Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

A  B  C  D

**Part 2:** Provide justification for your answer.


**Part 3:** Provide justification for why the other answer choices that you did not select were incorrect.

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“A Walk Through My Rainforest” | QUESTION 4

**Part 1:** Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

F   G   H   J

**Part 2:** Provide justification for your answer.

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**Part 3:** Provide justification for why the other answer choices that you did not select were incorrect.

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“A Walk Through My Rainforest” | QUESTION 5

Part 1: Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

A   B   C   D

Part 2: Provide justification for your answer.


Part 3: Provide justification for why the other answer choices that you did not select were incorrect.

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“A Walk Through My Rainforest” | QUESTION 6

**Part 1:** Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

F   G   H   J

**Part 2:** Provide justification for your answer.


**Part 3:** Provide justification for why the other answer choices that you did not select were incorrect.

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