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
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PART 2: Reading Activity
invitation
by Mackenzie Connellee

used to write poetry in art class
when the teacher wasn’t looking,
but now i don’t take art and i can’t
afford not to pay attention in my
5 classes. now i write poetry in my
free time but that’s difficult
because words don’t appear like
a dog when you call their name, no,
poetry is anything but convenient.
10 right now it’s 1:05 A.M. because poetry
shook me by the shoulders and said
hey, this is important but now i’m wondering
if the lack of sleep is worth it. i feel
i am always weighing time by the quality
15 of poems written, because even when
the words grace me with their presence,
they don’t always choose to step
delicately into the world, pink shoes
treading softly over the white horizon.
20 usually poetry slops lazily over the couch
of a page and dangles while i remove its muddy
shoes and rearrange the pillows, all the while
muttering something about Frost and how maybe
his comments against free verse were right
25 all along (poetry in rhyme always cleans up
after itself) although honestly, you haven’t lived
until the homeless free-verse poem on your couch
decides to stay for a cup of tea and, if you’re
lucky, lets you take notes on everything he says.

Courtesy of Mackenzie Connellee
1 Which of these ideas is emphasized by the simile in lines 7 and 8?
   A Poetry can appear in many different forms.
   B New poems can be valued like a companion.
   C New poems do not come to mind right away.
   D Poetry writing is not as enjoyable as having a pet.

2 Read the dictionary entry.

afford \a-ˈförd\ v
   1. to bear the financial cost of  
   2. to be able to spare or give up  
   3. to provide for another  
   4. to be the cause or source of

Which definition best matches the way the word afford is used in line 4?
   F Definition 1
   G Definition 2
   H Definition 3
   J Definition 4

3 What process is the poet describing when she uses the words “I remove its muddy shoes and rearrange the pillows” in lines 21 and 22?
   A Finding a topic to write about
   B Writing from personal experience
   C Revising a poem’s ideas and words
   D Sharing a poem with an audience
4 The title of the poem is effective because it suggests that the speaker —

F desires more poetry to come into her life
G tries to schedule time for writing poetry
H longs for poetry assignments at school
J wants people to enjoy reading her poetry

5 What do the contrasting images in lines 17 through 22 suggest?

A Writing poetry can be relaxing.
B Poets are sensitive by nature.
C Writing poetry is often not easy.
D Poets have active imaginations.

6 The poet uses lines 1 through 6 to establish that —

F art and poetry share many similarities
G the speaker hopes to keep her poetry a secret
H poetry is an important subject to learn in school
J the speaker wishes she had more time to write poetry
“invitation” | 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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“invitation” | QUESTION 2

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

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**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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“invitation” | QUESTION 3

Part 1: Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

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Part 2: Provide justification for your answer.


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“invitation” | QUESTION 4

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

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**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.
“invitation” | QUESTION 5

Part 1: Circle the correct answer for Question 1.

A  B  C  D

Part 2: Provide justification for your answer.

Incorrect Answer | Rationale
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“invitation” | QUESTION 6

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

F  G  H  J

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

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