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1	Option D is correct	

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10	Option H is correct	Opal really wants a new leash and collar for Winn-Dixie and does not give up in her efforts to get the items. She initially tries to buy the leash and collar on DP 0úÀU : HdŽôÓ H À • V p ° € 0 L W

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15	Option D is correct	In this sentence, the author expresses the opinion that building bat houses is a “great” thing for people to do to help “these useful creatures.”
	Option A is incorrect	This sentence is a fact that can be verified. Scientists can study how well plants grow in soil mixed with fertilizer compared with soil without the fertilizer.
	Option B is incorrect	This sentence is a fact. People and animals eat plants, so if there are more plants, there will be more food for people and animals.
	Option C is incorrect	This sentence is a fact that can be verified; the number of people who build homes for bats can be counted.
16	Option G is correct	The title of the section “Bat Benefits” is used to indicate that the section will describe ways that bats can help people. The author explains that bats eat insects and help control the number of insects that damage crops.

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26	Option J is correct	In lines 5 through 9 of the poem, the poet contrasts pleasant scents associated with air (“roses,” “fresh-cut grass,” “rain”) with unpleasant scents (“skunk,” “gasoline”) to emphasize that air can be both pleasant and unpleasant.

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36	Option G is correct	Important ideas and key details are included in this summary. The first sentence includes information a18 STA