



March 2017 STAAR Grade 5 Reading Rationales

Item #	Response A/F	Response B/G	Response C/H	Response D/J
27	A is incorrect because the dog is only shocked by Lewis's actions in paragraph 7.	B is incorrect because the dog mentions being smarter than the calf only once, in paragraph 1.	C is incorrect because there is no indication that the dog and Lewis have explored the area before.	D is correct because the dog tries to scare the calf away throughout most of the story and then admits his jealousy at the end.
28	F is correct because the questions show first the dog's confusion and then the realization that he had <u>misunderstood the situation</u> .	G is incorrect because none of the questions concern the dog's surroundings.	H is incorrect because it is clear throughout the story that the dog is very attached to Lewis.	J is incorrect because the dog is focused on Lewis and the calf.
29	A is incorrect because the calf doesn't ignore the dog; the calf is frightened of the dog.	B is incorrect because it focuses on only one detail of what happens in the story.	C is correct because it includes what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story.	D is incorrect because it focuses on only what happens in paragraph 3.
30	F is correct because the dog realizes he was jealous and explains how dogs behave <u>when they are jealous</u> .	G is incorrect because the dog doesn't comment on how playful he is.	H is incorrect because the dog does not mention changing as he has gotten older.	J is incorrect because the dog doesn't discuss whether puppies are more lovable than calves.
31	A is incorrect because there is no indication that the dog needs to forgive Lewis.	B is correct because what became clear like a mountain stream was that the calf was afraid of the dog.	C is incorrect because the dog does not notice a new place in this paragraph.	D is incorrect because there is no indication that the dog remembers to return to the boat.
32	F is incorrect because the sentence doesn't reveal how the dog views their relationship.	G is incorrect because the dog's incorrect interpretation doesn't reveal his view of their relationship.	H is correct because the dog sees himself and Lewis as a team that is tied closely together.	J is incorrect because the dog's surprise does not reveal how he views the relationship.
33	A is incorrect because paragraph 3 says Hillerich's father refused to make bats.	B is incorrect because there is no evidence that metal bats were in competition with wood bats.	C is incorrect because paragraph 3 says Hillerich's father wanted to make other products.	D is correct because Hillerich's father preferred to make other products until his son convinced him bats would be <u>good for business</u> .
34	F is correct because Williams noticed a difference of 5/1000 of an inch.	G is incorrect because there is no discussion of what is the best bat, only what is the most favored.	H is incorrect because there is no evidence that the company's business was harmed by negative comments.	J is incorrect because there is no evidence that the design is better today, only that bats have changed.
35	A is incorrect because the sentence is only a detail about old bats.	B is incorrect because it is only a detail about today's bats.	C is incorrect because the sentence is just an observation about bats.	D is correct because the sentence reflects the general idea about the bat's development over time.
36	F is incorrect because the equipment does not manage the player.	G is incorrect because the players have not become different by using the same equipment in games and practices.	H is incorrect because the players haven't changed by using the same equipment.	J is correct because the players are in the habit of using the same equipment.
37	A is correct because Hillerich's offer to make a bat for a player started the business of making bats.	B is incorrect because there is no evidence that Hillerich's understanding of the game started the production of bats.	C is incorrect because there is no mention of advertising the bats.	D is incorrect because there is no mention that Hillerich played baseball with any sort of bat.
38	F is correct because the success of Browning and Wagner with the bats encouraged other players to use the bats.	G is incorrect because there is no evidence that Hillerich's understanding of the game started the production of bats.		