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Grade	A	B	C	D
%	90-100	70-89	50-69	0-49
MARKS OBTAINED	I	II	TOTAL	%

I. Vocabulary *Dancing Puppets*

Marks \_\_\_\_\_  
100

1 Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

An excited whisper filled the auditorium. The first act of the In Air Ballet Troupe’s dance show was about to begin. The In Air Ballet Troupe was a talented dance group known for using a ① \_\_\_\_\_ of ballet and acrobatics in their performances. Tonight, for the first time, two puppets would dance along with the troupe in the second act. Everyone in the audience agreed that this should be very interesting to see.

The crowd’s whisper turned to silence as the curtain opened. Several ballerinas twirled across the stage and were lifted into the air by other dancers. Their partners lifted them so high that it seemed as if the ballerinas were made of air. One of the ballerinas then performed a ② \_\_\_\_\_ backflip from her partner’s shoulders. The backflip was so well done that it made the audience gasp and cheer in their seats! Two other dancers twirled on one foot for what seemed like several minutes. It seemed impossible that they could spin for so long without becoming dizzy, but they never lost their balance.

The troupe used their skilled dancing to ③ \_\_\_\_\_ stories without using words. In the final dance of the first act, a group of guests watched the wedding of two of the dancers. After the ceremony of ④ \_\_\_\_\_ had finished, the guests leapt into the air, performing a ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ dance in celebration.

The audience clapped loudly as the curtain closed on the first act. Everyone agreed that these dancers were talented and skilled. No one could have guessed that the In Air Ballet Troupe’s big night was about to be spoiled by an ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ puppeteer.

(1) Complete the passage using the vocabulary words defined below.

5 points per question

<b>combination</b>	a group of things mixed or blended together
<b>convey</b>	to communicate or express meaning or feelings
<b>incompetent</b>	not having the skills to perform a task
<b>jovial</b>	happy and lighthearted; merry
<b>matrimony</b>	marriage
<b>superb</b>	excellent, outstanding

(2) Answer the questions below using words taken directly from the passage.

10 points per question

① What would happen for the first time tonight?

Tonight, for the first time, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the second act.

② Why did it seem like the ballerinas were made of air?

The ballerinas seemed like they were made of air because their \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2 Read the passage. Then answer the questions below using words from the passage.

10 points per question

The audience applauded loudly as the curtain opened for the beginning of the second act. The dancing continued to be superb, much to the audience's delight. When the two puppets were lowered from the ceiling, the crowd conveyed its amazement with gasps and applause. The puppets were the size of people and looked much like real ballerinas with beautiful costumes.

At first it seemed like nothing was really wrong. One of the puppets bumped into a dancer, who pretended as if the bump was part of the act and performed a jovial leap in response. The audience laughed loudly. But it was soon clear that these puppets could not dance at all. Worried murmurs were heard in the audience as the clumsy puppets continued to bump into the dancers. The curtain was finally lowered when a group of ballerinas became entangled in the puppets' strings.

The incompetent puppeteer was not asked to perform again with the In Air Ballet Troupe. The troupe decided to stick with only real dancers in the future. The puppeteer decided she needed more practice to prevent any future disasters.

Later, those in the audience disagreed on the cause of the problem. Some said that it is very difficult for a puppeteer to learn ballet, while others said it was difficult for a puppeteer to learn acrobatics. Still others thought that the puppeteer was just not very good. A final group felt it was a combination of all three reasons. However, all of the people in the audience that night agreed on one thing: they had seen a performance they were unlikely to forget!



(1) Why was the audience delighted at the beginning of the second act?

The audience was delighted because the \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) How did the crowd express its amazement at the puppets?

When the two puppets were lowered from the ceiling, \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) Why did the audience laugh at the dancer?

The audience laughed at the dancer because she pretended as if the puppet bumping into her was \_\_\_\_\_ and performed \_\_\_\_\_.

(4) Who was not asked to perform again with the troupe?

\_\_\_\_\_ was not asked to perform again with the In Air Ballet Troupe.

(5) Different people in the audience thought that the puppeteer was incompetent for three different reasons. What did the last group think?

The last group thought it was \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.



## II. Vocabulary

Marks 100

**1** Match each definition with a word from the passage.

5 points each

Two monks smuggle silkworm eggs out of the village. One smuggler hides the silkworm eggs in his cane.



- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to bring into or take out of a place secretly, often illegally
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) a person who brings things into or out of a place secretly, often illegally

### Don't forget!

The **dictionary form of a noun** is always singular.

For example: The smugglers hide.

*Smuggler* is the dictionary form.

The **dictionary form of a verb** is always the infinitive, or the "to" form, without the word *to*.

For example: She walks away.

*To walk* is the infinitive form. *Walk* is the dictionary form.

**2** Convert each verb to its dictionary form.

5 points each

- (1) talked: \_\_\_\_\_ (2) playing: \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) liked: \_\_\_\_\_ (4) shouts: \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Match each definition with a word from the passage. Convert the word to its dictionary form if necessary.

10 points each

My shirt has embroidery on it. Janice embroidered her jacket with blue and gold thread.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) to decorate fabric with patterns sewn in colored thread
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) patterns sewn in colored thread onto fabric

**4** Match each definition with a word from the sentence. Convert the word to its dictionary form if necessary. 5 points each

(1) Merchants sold their goods in bazaars in Damascus and Baghdad.

\_\_\_\_\_ (noun) a person who buys and sells goods

(2) Camels were used to carry merchandise across the desert.

\_\_\_\_\_ (noun) goods for sale

(3) People continue to search for extraterrestrial life.

\_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) of or relating to things outside the planet Earth

(4) Despite the secrecy surrounding silk production, people in other countries found out how to make it.

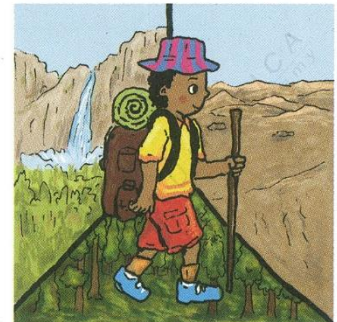
\_\_\_\_\_ (noun) the state of being kept hidden or secret

(5) The cook was secretive about how his stew was made.

\_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) not open to telling people things

(6) Hikers can travel through many different terrains in California.

\_\_\_\_\_ (noun) land and its natural features



**5** Write each noun as an adjective. 5 points each

(1) fear: fearful

(2) anger: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) secrecy: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) cheer: \_\_\_\_\_