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Group Reading Inventory

Part B

Directions: Read this passage about a grandmother who came to America from Russia in 1922. Then answer questions 21–25.

from A One-Day Trip— A Lifetime of Memories

One warm spring day, my 82-year-old grandmother and I went to visit the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. It is on Ellis Island, across from Manhattan, in New York Harbor. Ellis Island was the first stop for most immigrants who came to America between 1892 and 1924. For Grandma, this visit was a trip down memory lane. For me, it was an education that I will never forget.



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To understand Grandma, you have to know her background. Her father, my great-grandfather, left Russia for New York City before Grandma was born. That was in 1910. Great-Granddad went alone. He lived with cousins in a small flat, or apartment. He got a job as a tailor in the garment district of the city.

Great-Granddad walked over the Brooklyn Bridge from Brooklyn to Manhattan every day to save the nickel train fare. He was saving money to pay for his wife and his baby daughter to join him in New York. It took him twelve years to make this happen.

My great-grandmother had to survive in Russia after Great-Granddad left. She grew vegetables and sold them at local markets. She would take Grandma along. Many times they feared for their lives. They were Jewish, and Jews were not treated well in Russia at the time.

My great-grandmother and Grandma were so happy when the money for traveling to America finally arrived. They were going to a land where they could be free. Grandma would see her father for the very first time.

Their trip took place in the summer of 1922. The trip was hard. First, Grandma and her mother had to travel across Europe on an old, rickety train. Then, they had to take a ferryboat to England. Finally, they boarded the ship and sailed across the Atlantic.

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Directions: Choose the best answer to each question. Mark your answer.

- 21** What is this story mostly about?
- (a) the Ellis Island Immigration Museum
 - (b) a family that came to America from Russia
 - (c) what life was like in Russia
 - (d) working in New York City
- 22** What happened in 1910?
- (a) Great-Granddad left Russia for New York City.
 - (b) Great-Granddad met his daughter for the first time.
 - (c) Great-Granddad sent money to his wife and daughter.
 - (d) Grandma and her mother sailed to America.
- 23** Where was Grandma born?
- (a) England
 - (b) Manhattan
 - (c) Brooklyn
 - (d) Russia
- 24** Which words best describe Great-Granddad?
- (a) foolish and careless
 - (b) selfish and stubborn
 - (c) patient and hard-working
 - (d) jolly and fun-loving
- 25** Great-Granddad and his family came to New York City mostly because they wanted to —
- (a) become rich.
 - (b) be free and safe.
 - (c) make new friends.
 - (d) explore a new place.

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Directions: Read this passage from a story about Simón Bolívar. He was an important leader in South America in the early 1800s. In this story, Bolívar visits a wealthy English family in Jamaica. After reading the passage, answer questions 26–30.

from Simón Bolívar: Fight and Flight

Jane was having a dream. She was standing behind a tree in the middle of the night. The sound of a horse’s hooves was growing louder. A horseman passed the tree without noticing her.

Suddenly, Jane awoke with a start. A gentle breeze was blowing her curtains. She listened for the sound of a horse, but there wasn’t any. She thought she heard voices—two or three. Then a door closed on its squeaky hinges.

“What a strange time for someone to be here,” she thought. But sleep overcame her before she could get up to investigate.



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When Jane awoke in the morning, the first thing she saw was the painting of her dear horse, Ned. The memory of her dream came to her. Shaking it off, she quickly dressed and went downstairs.

Maisie was carrying in a tray of fresh fruit, which she placed on the sideboard. Nanny Burton, Jane's governess, was eating a roll at the table. Jane's parents were talking with a small but strong-looking man. He had dark hair and a worried look. He also had Jane's brightly colored parrot, Polly, on his shoulder.

"Hello, Pretty!" squawked the parrot.

Usually, Jane answered Polly's greeting with, "Hello, Pretty, yourself." But the presence of a stranger made her suddenly shy.

"Say '*Buenos días*' to Señor Bolívar," Jane's mother prompted.

"Oh, there's no need for the girl to speak Spanish," the stranger said. "The time I spent in England served me well."

"I'm well aware of your excellent English, Señor," Jane's mother replied. "However, Jane could use the practice in your language." Her attention returned to her daughter. "Help yourself to some breakfast, dear, and take your seat at the table. Señor Bolívar will be our guest for a while."

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- 26** At the beginning of this story, where was Jane?
- (a) in her bedroom
 - (b) in a park
 - (c) in the dining room
 - (d) in her yard
- 27** What did Jane dream about?
- (a) a trip to England
 - (b) voices in the night
 - (c) a man on a horse
 - (d) a brightly colored parrot
- 28** What reminded Jane of her dream?
- (a) a breeze blowing through her curtains
 - (b) the sound of a squeaky door
 - (c) a painting of her horse, Ned
 - (d) a tray of fresh fruit
- 29** When Jane went downstairs, she was probably surprised to see —
- (a) Maisie.
 - (b) her parents.
 - (c) Nanny Burton.
 - (d) Señor Bolívar.
- 30** Jane did not answer the parrot's greeting because she felt —
- (a) angry.
 - (b) shy.
 - (c) afraid.
 - (d) bored.

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