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Read the selection, and choose the best answer to each question.

Luke wrote about a brave girl. Read Luke's paper, and think about how it should be revised. Then answer the questions that follow.



Brave Little Samantha Smith

(1) Sometimes it may seem that children cannot make much difference in the world. (2) Yet, in 1982 a ten-year-old girl named Samantha Smith showed that young people can make a big difference. (3) Smith gave people hope. (4) She showed that people all over the world can live in peace. (5) The lesson she shared with others is still important today.

(6) The United States was in a conflict with a nation called the Soviet Union. (7) Nuclear weapons can kill millions of people in a second. (8) The leaders of the

United States did not trust the leaders of the Soviet Union. (9) Soviets did not trust Americans either. (10) People in each nation were afraid that the bad feelings would lead to war. (11) To make things worse, each nation had many nuclear weapons.

(12) Samantha Smith wondered why the leaders of the two countries could not get along. (13) She decided to write a letter to the Soviet leader. (14) She told him she did not want a war. (15) She asked what he could do to stop a war. (16) She told him she hoped for peace.

(17) She was totally blown away when the Soviet leader wrote her back. (18) He told her the people of the Soviet Union did not want a war either. (19) He told her he wanted peace, too. (20) He asked her to come visit his nation. (21) Smith told him that she would come to visit.

(22) Smith went to the Soviet Union in the summer of 1983. (23) She went to the Soviet capital. (24) She went to a children's camp where she made some new friends. (25) She told reporters that the Soviets were just like Americans in many ways.

(26) Smith's visit gave many people hope. (27) People began to wonder if the way to solve the problems between the two countries might be simple. (28) Talking and understanding, many people felt, might be the keys to peace.

- 1 Luke wants to add a topic sentence to the second paragraph (sentences 6-11). Which of these sentences would be the **best** topic sentence for this paragraph?
- A In the 1980s, many people in the United States were afraid that the country would be attacked in a nuclear war.
 - B In the 1980s, many exciting things were invented, like cell phones and personal computers.
 - C The Soviet Union and the United States fought together against Germany during World War II.
 - D Some things happened when Smith was young.
- 2 Luke wants to move sentence 7 to improve the organization of his paper. Where is the **best** place to move sentence 7?
- F after sentence 8
 - G after sentence 9
 - H after sentence 10
 - J after sentence 11
- 3 What is the **best** way to combine sentences 12 and 13?
- A Although Samantha Smith wondered why the leaders of the two countries could not get along, she decided to write a letter to the Soviet leader.
 - B Samantha Smith wondered and decided to write to the Soviet leader why the leaders of the two countries could not get along.
 - C Samantha Smith wondered why the leaders of the two countries could not get along, so she decided to write a letter to the Soviet leader.
 - D Either Samantha Smith wondered why the leaders of the two countries could not get along, or she decided to write a letter to the Soviet leader.

- 4 Luke does not think that sentence 17 is right for this paper. He does not think the tone is right for his audience. How should he change the sentence?
- F To her surprise, the Soviet leader wrote her back.
 - G Can you imagine how awesome it was when the Soviet leader wrote her back?
 - H She was, like, "That's cool" because the Soviet leader wrote her back.
 - J Wow, this Soviet leader, he like wrote her back and all.
- 5 Luke wants to add one more supporting sentence to the fifth paragraph of his paper (sentences 22-25). He wants to add the sentence to the end of the paragraph. Which would be the **best** supporting sentence for this paragraph?
- A The capital of the Soviet Union was Moscow, and the capital of the United States is Washington, D.C.
 - B Samantha Smith was born in Auburn, Maine, on June 29, 1972.
 - C When she came home, Smith wrote a book about her trip to share her experiences with others.
 - D In 1986, a Soviet child named Katya Lycheva visited the United States.
- 6 Luke wants to add a final sentence to this paper to make his conclusion stronger. What is the **best** final sentence to add to the end of this paper?
- F The Soviets' leader at the time was named Yuri Andropov, and the United States' leader was Ronald Reagan.
 - G One of the things people were worried about during this time was putting nuclear missiles in outer space.
 - H Smith was just a little girl, but her brave actions gave millions of people hope during a scary time.
 - J After her trip, Samantha Smith got a job as an actress on a television show.

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Mitchell wrote this story about a boy facing his fears. He would like you to read his story and look for any edits he needs to make. When you finish reading, answer the questions that follow.

Sammy and the Storm Cellar

(1) Outside, the wind howled. (2) The rain pounds on the top of the storm cellar. (3) Inside the cellar, Sammy tried to act brave. (4) Yet, he was really scared. (5) He wasn't sure what scared him more: the tornado or the storm cellar.

(6) Like many people living on the Texas plains, Sammy's grandfather had a storm cellar. (7) The cellar was an underground shelter. (8) When a tornado was near, Grandpa would go down into the cellar to be safely. (9) Sammy had played in the cellar on earlier visits to Grandpa's ranch. (10) However, he had never had to go into it during a storm.

(11) The cellar was creepy. (12) There were spiders and beetles. (13) There were dusty jars with cobwebs. (14) The air was musty. (15) There was hardly any light at all.

(16) Grandpa said, "don't worry." (17) He could tell Sammy was uneasy. (18) "The storm should pass soon."

(19) Sammy tried to pass the time by looking through a box he found. (20) It had some old comic books in it. (21) He was still scared. (22) "What if the storm hurts Grandpa's house?" he wondered.

(23) In the botom of the box, Sammy found a piece of paper. (24) It was folded up. (25) He carefully unfolded it. (26) Sammy read the words on the paper.

(27) The note had been written by Grandpa when Grandpa was a little boy.

(28) It told about how scared Grandpa was and how he hoped he could leave the storm cellar.

(29) "Oh, you found my letter," Grandpa said. (30) "I wrote that when I was your age. (31) I thought that writing about how I felt would make me feel less afraid.

(32) Sammy could not believe that Grandpa had been scared in the cellar, too. (33) Knowing that made Sammy feel better. (34) The storm passed. (35) Sammy and Grandpa left the cellar. (36) Grandpa's house was fine. (37) The tornado had missed their ranch.

(38) "Thanks for letting me read your letter," Sammy said.

(39) "Of course," Grandpa said. (40) "It's okay to be scared. (41) A smart person once said, 'Bravery is not the absence of fear. (42) It is the ability to face your fear and overcome it.' (43) You, Sammy, are a very brave boy."

7 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 2?

- A change *rain* to **rein**
- B change *pounds* to **pounded**
- C change *storm* to **Storm**
- D make no change

- 8 What change should be made in sentence 8?
- F change *tornado* to **Tornado**
 - G add quotation marks before *go*
 - H change *would* to **wood**
 - J change *safely* to **safe**
- 9 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 16?
- A delete the comma after *said*
 - B change *don't* to **Don't**
 - C change *worry* to **wory**
 - D make no change
- 10 What change should be made in sentence 23?
- F change *botom* to **bottom**
 - G change *Sammy* to **sammy**
 - H change *found* to **finded**
 - J change *piece* to **peace**
- 11 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 31?
- A change *thought* to **thinked**
 - B change the second *I* to **i**
 - C add quotation marks after the period
 - D make no change

12 Which of these should be added to the beginning of sentence 34?

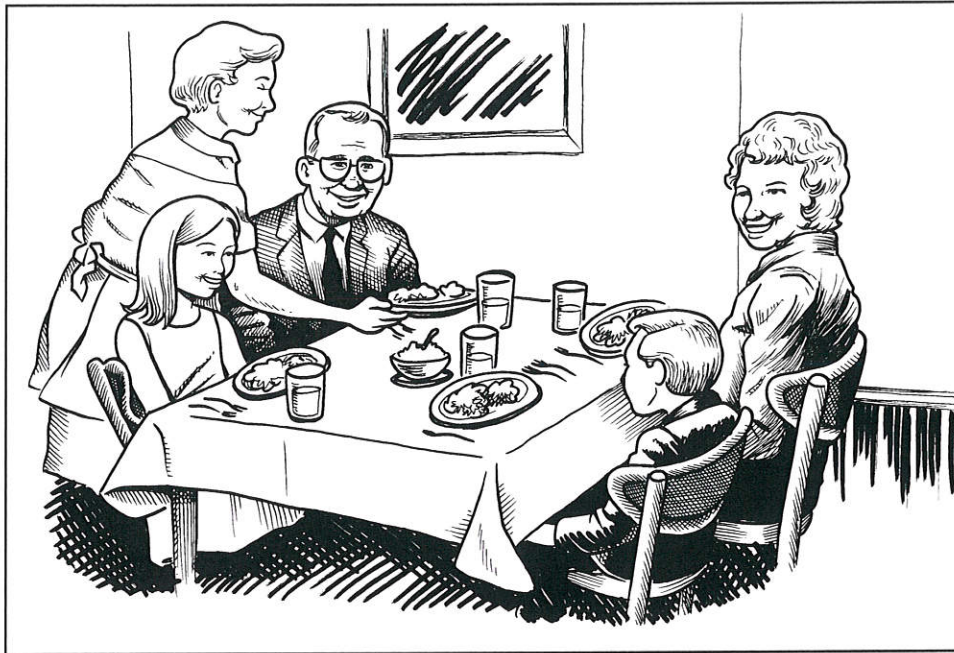
F First,

G Finally,

H Also,

J Now,

Look at the picture below.



Eating out at a restaurant can be a great time for everyone.

Write about a fun time you went out to eat at a restaurant.

Be sure to —

- write about a personal experience
- organize your writing
- develop your ideas in detail
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences

READ the information in the box below.

Writer C. S. Lewis once said, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

THINK about setting goals.

WRITE about ways that setting goals helps people reach their dreams.

Be sure to —

- clearly state your central idea
- organize your writing
- develop your writing in detail
- choose your words carefully
- use correct spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, and sentences