

I. Reading Comprehension

Read the following text. Then, fill in the inference map.

The Perfect Job

What do you think is the perfect job? I used to think it was one that would make me known or rich, but I recently came to realize that the best occupation is one that suits an individual perfectly. I learned this from my Uncle Charles, whose job fits him like a glove.

Charles is an Animal Control Officer (ACO) for the municipality of Hartford. My father says jokingly that his brother likes animals better than people, and I share my father's opinion.

One April day, my teachers had a conference to attend, and since my folks both work, I had permission to spend the day with Uncle Charles. Soon after I arrived at his farmhouse, the phone rang and he switched on the speakerphone. A **distraught**-sounding woman was on the line. "There's an animal in the woods behind my house," the woman quavered, "and it's howling over and over. The voice kept me awake all night. Please come fetch that poor thing."

When we pulled into the driveway, a petite woman appeared from a small house wearing work clothes, a cap and muddy boots. She directed us toward the woods but admitted she was **reluctant** to go with us.

We **tromped** through the complicated and confusing paths behind the house till we found the one into the woods. Suddenly we hear a pitiful yowl. My uncle kept me behind him for protection. As we got close, I saw a long dog wearing a faded purple collar; the tag ring was empty. She looked miserable and so afraid, but she let Uncle Charles clip a leash to her collar and lead her to the truck.

When we came back home, my uncle immediately searched for ads about a missing lost basset hound with a popular collar. There it was, the third as down: a lost basset hound with a purple collar from Sumner, a neighboring town. He called the number on the ad and it wasn't long before a red car parked the driveway and a father and his son emerged. When Happy saw them, there was no doubt that this was her family. The father thanked my uncle who was grinning. In that moment, I understood that my uncle had the perfect occupation.

- Use an inference map to list details that help you understand Uncle Charles's personality.

II. Vocabulary

1. Define.

- Disclose
- Literary
- Wry

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word.

- Before publishing the story, the editor has to check the
- I keep on my friend to go with me to the mall. She hates it.
- After the neighbors started complaining, we the television.
- Harry Potter was trapped in a, and he had to find his way out of it.

3. Write a meaningful sentence with the following words.

- Publishing
- Editorial
- Revision

III. Grammar

1. Transform these sentences into questions. Say if they are yes/no or information questions.

- a. Yes, my cousin goes to Italy every now and then.
- b. Their neighbor is very annoying.
- c. Her coworkers are really nice.
- d. No, the meeting is not at 2 p.m.

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct demonstrative pronoun.

- a. ... girl over here is my friend.
- b. Can you please give me ... book? I can't reach it.
- c. ... building is two blocks away.
- d. Who are ... people at your neighbor's house? They are really noisy.

3. Change the singular sentences into the plural.

- a. This potato is rotten.
- b. That tree is the most beautiful I have ever seen.
- c. He doesn't know the password to his account.

4. Identify the errors in these sentences and correct them.

- a. He are very nice person.
- b. You are happy now?
- c. This cats can see at night without any light.
- d. This driver drive like a lunatic.

5. Complete the conversation between Erica and her father. Use the correct Wh- word and the correct form of *be*.

Father: ... your classmate's name?

Erica: Her name ... Jessica.

Father: ... she from?

Erica: ... from Illinois.

Father: ... your first subject?

Erica: Math

Father: ... your teacher?

Erica: Mr. Philip. ... a really good teacher.