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**Unit 5: Drama**

**Benchmark Test 9**

**Reading Skill: Summary**

1. What is a summary?  
A. a review of a selection  
B. a brief statement of main ideas  
C. the main idea sentence in a selection  
D. the topic of a selection
2. Which of the following is a kind of summary?  
A. a paraphrase  
B. a review  
C. an outline  
D. a title
3. How does the length of its summary compare to the length of a selection?  
A. They are both about the same length.  
B. The summary may be longer or shorter.  
C. The summary is longer.  
D. The summary is shorter than the selection.

**Read the selection. Then, answer the questions that follow.**

The best-known carnivorous plant is the Venus flytrap. This amazing plant has a very limited natural habitat: a narrow swath of land about ten miles wide and one hundred miles long in North and South Carolina. This is what usually happens when an insect lands on a Venus flytrap. The insect touches the hairs on the upper side of the leaf blade, which triggers the two halves to snap together. The stiff hairs around the edge of the blade interlock, and the insect is trapped like a prisoner behind bars. Digestive enzymes on the leaf break down the insect's proteins, and the plant absorbs from its victim the extra nitrogen it needs.

4. Which of these titles best summarizes this selection?  
A. How a Venus Flytrap Gets Food  
B. Where a Venus Flytrap Lives  
C. What a Venus Flytrap Needs to Eat  
D. Why a Venus Flytrap Is Interesting
5. Which of the following would be the best strategy to use to make sure you can identify the main events in the selection in the proper order?  
A. evaluate  
B. scan  
C. paraphrase  
D. reread
6. Which of the following sentences summarizes the events in the selection most accurately?  
A. An insect lands on the Venus flytrap, struggles, but is stuck and trapped, soon to be eaten.  
B. An insect lands on the Venus flytrap, the leaf snaps shut, and the insect is trapped.  
C. An insect lands on the Venus flytrap, hairs are triggered, and the insect is stuck.  
D. An insect lands on the Venus flytrap and intermeshed hairs snap shut and trap the insect.
7. What action starts the series of events described in the selection?  
A. The Venus flytrap emits digestive enzymes.  
B. The halves of the leaf snap shut.  
C. An insect lands on the Venus flytrap.  
D. The Venus flytrap is hungry.
8. What evidence shows that insects are useful to the Venus flytrap?  
A. An insect triggers the three hairs on the leaf of the Venus flytrap.  
B. The Venus flytrap's leaf blade folds along the midrib.  
C. The insect is imprisoned by intermeshed hairs.  
D. The Venus flytrap digests nitrogen from insect protein.

**Literary Analysis: Drama**

9. What is the most important difference between drama and other forms of literature?  
A. Drama has a unique format.  
B. Drama is meant to be taken seriously.

- C. Drama has character descriptions.      D. Drama is written to be performed.
10. How important is dialogue in dramas compared to dialogue in short stories?
- A. Dialogue is equally important in both dramas and short stories.
  - B. Dialogue is more important in dramas than in short stories.
  - C. Dialogue is less important in dramas than in short stories.
  - D. Dialogue is not important in either dramas or short stories.
11. Which of the following elements do both dramas and stories share?
- A. characters and setting
  - B. scripts
  - C. stage directions
  - D. format
12. What always comes directly before a character's dialogue in a script?
- A. the stage directions
  - B. the act numbers
  - C. a list of props
  - D. the character's name

**Read the dialogue. Then, answer the questions that follow.**

EMMA: I couldn't sleep a wink all night. Every time I shut my eyes, I saw equations.

KEEGAN: Emma, you always worry before tests. Remember, we talked for an hour before the last algebra test. And you got an A. You always get A's!

EMMA: Yes, but this time is different! If I don't get an A, I might as well forget my chances of ever getting into the best colleges.

13. Based on her dialogue, which word below best describes Emma?
- A. self-confident
  - B. a worrier
  - C. friendly
  - D. dishonest
14. Based on his dialogue, which word below best describes Keegan?
- A. patient
  - B. mean
  - C. reserved
  - D. silly

### **Literary Analysis: Novels and Dramatizations**

15. Which of these sentences describes a dramatization?
- A. A dramatization is divided into chapters and paragraphs.
  - B. In a dramatization, characters' words appear in quotation marks.
  - C. A dramatization is a story told by a narrator.
  - D. A dramatization is divided into acts and scenes.
16. How are a novel and its dramatization similar?
- A. They are written to be performed.
  - B. They are equally well written.
  - C. They have the same story.
  - D. They are prose.
17. How does a dramatization explain, describe, and narrate?
- A. through descriptions of the characters
  - B. through the words of a narrator
  - C. through characters' words and actions
  - D. through the playwright's explanations
18. How long do most plays take to perform?
- A. between 30 and 60 minutes
  - B. about 60 minutes
  - C. between 60 and 90 minutes
  - D. between 90 and 180 minutes