Homework Packet for 9th & 10th Grade

Week 34

Name _____

Week Starts on / Due on _____]____]__

Each week you are to complete your homework packet and turn it on the day the teacher assigns. Part of the homework is reading 45 minutes a day. This can be done in after school care and they can read to a younger sibling or an adult as well. Weekend reading is encouraged, each week students can get credit for reading on Saturday and/or Sunday. Reading each day is very important to help each student get better at this skill.

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Weekly Home Reading Record

Day	Reading Material	Amount of Time	How many pages
Weekend			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			

Total Reading Time: Hours _____ Minutes _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PASSAGE IV

The Case of the Trick Photographs

You might think that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the writer who invented Sherlock Holmes, the most logical of detectives, would have harbored strictly logical beliefs himself. But the author entertained a variety of fanciful ideas, including a belief in the mythical beings known as fairies. Since that belief, he was fooled in 1920 by two schoolgirl cousins. [47]

One day, Elsie Wright and Frances Griffiths returned from a walk in the English countryside with news that they had seen fairies. They had even taken photographs that showed several of the tiny sprites, some dancing in a ring in the grass, some fluttering in front of the girl's faces. Many people were excited when they heard about this seemingly true and factual proof of the existence of fairies, but Conan Doyle was more excited than most.

To make sure that he wasn't being deceived, Conan Doyle had the original photographic plates examined by experts, however, they found no evidence of double exposures. He then wrote an enthusiastic article for *Strand* magazine, being the place in which most of his Sherlock Holmes stories had first appeared, and later wrote a book on the subject titled *The Coming of the Fairies*.

46. **F.** NO CHANGE
G. Because of
H. Concerning
J. For

47. If the writer were to delete the opening sentence of this paragraph (beginning the essay with "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle entertained a variety of fanciful…"), the essay would primarily lose:

A. information that sets up a contrast that follows.
B. an irrelevant but humorous digression.
C. information that explains Doyle's motivations.
D. an important description of the setting.

48. **F.** NO CHANGE
G. girls' faces.
H. girls faces.
J. girls face's.

49. **A.** NO CHANGE
B. this seemingly evident but apparent
C. what seemed to be an apparent
D. this apparent

50. **F.** NO CHANGE
G. who
H. which
J. they

51. **A.** NO CHANGE
B. in which the magazine where
C. in which
D. being where

Conan Doyle sent a copy of one of the photographs to his friend Harry Houdini, the famous magician and escape artist. Houdini, who devoted considerable effort to exposing hoaxes involving spiritualism and was [52] skeptical about the existence of supernatural beings. [53] When Houdini remained unconvinced by the evidence, Conan Doyle became angry. Though the two remained cordial, but [54] their friendship was damaged due to the fact that they had the [55] disagreement.

Some [56] sixty years later, an elderly Frances Griffiths publicly admitted that her and her cousin [57] had staged the photographs as a practical joke. Shortly after her revelation, computer enhancement revealed the hatpins that were used [58] to prop up the cardboard-cutout fairies.

Scientific analysis, since photography was a new art, [59] finally closed the Case of the Trick Photographs.

52. **F.** NO CHANGE
G. spiritualism, being
H. spiritualism, was
J. spiritualism and

53. If the writer were to delete the preceding sentence, the paragraph would primarily lose:
A. details that provide an explanation for the friendship between Conan Doyle and Houdini.
B. information that helps set the stage for what happens next in the essay.
C. a description of the reasons behind Houdini's skepticism about the supernatural.
D. nothing at all, since this sentence provides irrelevant information.

54. **F.** NO CHANGE
G. cordial and
H. cordial that
J. cordial,

55. **A.** NO CHANGE
B. because of the fact that they had a
C. due to the fact of their
D. by the

56. **F.** NO CHANGE
G. (Do NOT begin new paragraph) After some
H. (Begin new paragraph) Since some
J. (Begin new paragraph) Some

57. **A.** NO CHANGE
B. her cousin and herself
C. she and her cousin
D. her cousin and her

58. Which of the following alternatives to the underlined portion would NOT be acceptable?
F. that had been used
G. the girls used
H. using
J. used

59. Which choice would best tie the conclusion of this essay to its opening sentence?
A. NO CHANGE
B. of the kind a modern-day Sherlock Holmes might use,
C. which the great Houdini himself would have appreciated,
D. a methodology that was still in its infancy,

Question 60 asks about the preceding passage as a whole.

60. Suppose the writer had decided to write an essay that summarizes how beliefs in the supernatural have influenced the writing of famous authors. Would this essay fulfill the writer's goal?

F. Yes, because the essay makes the point that Conan Doyle's belief in fairies clearly influenced his Sherlock Holmes stories.

G. Yes, because the essay indicates that Conan Doyle's disagreement with Houdini motivated him to write about the supernatural.

H. No, because the essay argues that the author's belief in fairies and the supernatural did not in any way affect his writing.

J. No, because the essay limits its focus to the particular events surrounding one author's reaction to evidence of the supernatural.

Converting Fractions (D)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Fill in the missing values. Use part-to-**whole** ratios.

	Fraction	Decimal	Percent	Ratio
1.	$\frac{3}{4}$			
2.	$\frac{1}{10}$			
3.	$\frac{3}{8}$			
4.	$\frac{7}{10}$			
5.	$\frac{7}{8}$			
6.	$\frac{1}{2}$			
7.	$\frac{1}{4}$			
8.	$\frac{2}{5}$			
9.	$\frac{21}{25}$			
10.	$\frac{3}{5}$			

WEEK 34
Use R.A.C.E. Strategy for Math

Example:
Joshua has 32 donuts. He organizes them in boxes. Each box holds 12 donuts. How many boxes of donuts will Joshua have?

R (Restate the question) in your own words	Joshua will have ____ boxes of donuts.
A (Answer the question)	Joshua will have 3 boxes of donuts.
C (Cite the evidence)	I will determine how many boxes of 12 are required to fit all the donuts by dividing the number of donuts (32) by the number that can fit in each box (12). If I need part of a box I will round the solution up to the nearest whole number. 32 ÷ 12 = 2.666 Rounded up is 3
E (Explanation)	Joshua will have 3 boxes of donuts. I determined how many boxes of 12 are required to fit all the donuts by dividing the number of donuts (32) by the number that can fit in each box (12). Since I needed slightly more than two boxes, I rounded my solution to the nearest whole number.

WORD PROBLEMS

1. Last year's budget was 12.5 million dollars. This year's budget is 14.1 million dollars. How much did the budget increase?

2. It takes the moon an average of 27.32167 days to circle the earth. Round this number to the nearest thousandth.

3. Joe's batting average is between 0.315 and 0.32. Which of the following could be Joe's average?

TURN THE PAGE



QUESTION 1

R (Restate the question) in your own words	
A (Answer the question)	
C (Cite the evidence)	
E (Explanation)	

QUESTION 2

R (Restate the question) in your own words	
A (Answer the question)	
C (Cite the evidence)	
E (Explanation)	

QUESTION 3

R (Restate the question) in your own words	
A (Answer the question)	
C (Cite the evidence)	
E (Explanation)	

MAKE SURE THAT ALL YOUR WORK IS COMPLETED BEFORE YOU TURN IT IN.