Grade 3 Book 3-1 Theme 2 Story 2
"Balto, the Dog Who Saved Nome"

LA.A.2.2.8 Reference and Research pg. 187

1. Based on the map on page 187, a person who travels from Anchorage to Nenana would MOST LIKELY

    A. travel by dogsled
       (incorrect conclusion based on stimulus)
    B. travel by airplane.
       (incorrect conclusion based on stimulus)
    C. travel by train
       (correct)
    D. travel by foot
       (incorrect conclusion based on stimulus)

LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pgs. 184-198

2. Which sentence BEST tells what the story is about?

    A. Balto is on an important trip to bring medicine to Nome.
       (correct)
    B. Balto is a mixed breed of half wolf and half Eskimo dog.
       (detail from passage but not main idea)
    C. Balto leads the team through a terrible blizzard.
       (plausible but incorrect based on text)
    D. Balto was calm so the other dogs grew calmer, too.
       (detail from passage but not main idea)

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LA.E.2.2.1 Cause and Effect pg. 194

3.   Why does Balto head out to sea when he hears the ice crack?

      A.   Balto was looking for a trail to Nome.
          (plausible but incorrect based on text)
      B.   Balto was leading the team around the icy water.
          (correct)
      C.   Balto missed the town in the storm.
          (incorrect cause)
      D.   Balto was still 600 miles east of Nome.
          (incorrect cause)

LA.A.2.2.7 Compare and Contrast pg. 191

4.   How are Balto and other dogs that are part wolf DIFFERENT?

      A.   Balto is a mixed breed, but the others are not.
          (plausible but incorrect based on text)
      B.   Balto is tame, but the others are not.
          (correct)
      C.   Balto never learned to trust people, but the others did.
          (incorrect contrast)
      D.   Balto never learned to obey, but the others did.
          (incorrect contrast)

LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 186

5.   Read this sentence from the story.

And the road from the south was completely blocked by deep drifts of snow.

The sentence means that the snow was

A.   smooth and slippery
        (incorrect meaning of phrase)
B.   almost frozen
        (incorrect meaning of phrase)
C.   bitter cold
        (incorrect meaning of phrase)
D.   piled high
        (correct)

LA.E.1.2.2 Plot Development pgs. 197-198

6.   How did Balto and Gunnar help Nome solve its problem?

A.   They packed the medicine in boxes and sent it on the train.
        (specific event not related to conflict resolution)
B.   They delivered the needed medicine to Nome by dogsled.
        (correct)
C.   They knew the people would die if they didn't get the medicine.
        (plausible but incorrect based on text)
D.   They received the message about diptheria from the telegraph.
        (specific event not related to conflict resolution)