Grade 5 Theme 5 Story 2
“Little by Little”

LA.E.1.2.2 Plot Development pg. 517

1. Which problem did Jean expect to have when she started fifth grade?
   A. The students would not be friendly. (plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
   B. The desk would be nailed to the floor. (plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
   C. She would not be able to get good grades. (plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
   D. She wouldn’t be able to read the chalkboard. *

LA.A.2.2.7 Compare/Contrast pg. 517

2. How was Jean’s desk DIFFERENT from her classmates’ desks?
   A. Jean’s desk was nailed to the floor. (incorrect identification of contrasted elements)
   B. Jean’s desk was a dark wine color. (incorrect identification of contrasted elements)
   C. Jean’s desk was new and a shiny, golden brown. *
   D. Jean’s desk was attached to the desk behind her. (incorrect identification of contrasted elements)
LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 522

3. Read this sentence from the story.

“With painstaking neatness, I penciled in the number 24 beside the number 1.”

Which word has almost the SAME meaning as painstaking?

A. painful (incorrect meaning of word)
B. careful *
C. painless (incorrect meaning of word)
D. careless (incorrect meaning of word)

LA.E.2.2.1 Cause/Effect pg. 523

4. Why did Jean feel that she had to pretend to have the correct answers on the multiplication test?

A. Jean wanted Shirley to be her friend. (incorrect cause)
B. Jean wanted to be accepted on the playground. (incorrect cause)
C. Jean did not want to be embarrassed in front of her teacher. (incorrect cause)
D. Jean did not want anyone to know that she did not know her timetables. *
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LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pgs. 515 - 526

5. What is the MOST important lesson that Jean learns?
   A. It is okay to be different.  
      (plausible but incorrect based on the text)
   B. Making friends is very important.  
      (plausible but incorrect based on the text)
   C. Cheating is sometimes necessary.  
      (plausible but incorrect based on the text)
   D. It is important to learn from your mistakes. *

LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pg. 515 - 526

6. Why did the author write the passage “Little by Little?”
   A. To share her childhood experiences. *
   B. To inform readers about life during a war.  
      (incorrect interpretation of the author’s purpose)
   C. To persuade readers to treat others kindly.  
      (incorrect interpretation of the author’s purpose)
   D. To teach the importance of learning times tables.  
      (incorrect interpretation of the author’s purpose)