Sentence Completion 3 (high-beginning level)

Directions: Choose the best word(s) to complete each sentence.

1. While walking together at night, the children hear a loud noise and get ______. They run away in search of a place to hide.
   A. angry
   B. excited
   C. scared
   D. tired

2. Oranges and apples are ______. They are both ______.
   A. similar … fruits
   B. special … red
   C. identical … different
   D. bad … healthy

3. The ______ woman has gray hair and many wrinkles. She was born many years ago.
   A. strong
   B. young
   C. old
   D. kind

4. Timothy is ______. He always gets good grades. He studies hard and always does his homework.
   A. smart
   B. funny
   C. tall
   D. popular

5. Jim ______ brings a hammer to work. He uses it every day.
   A. never
   B. always
   C. rarely
   D. sometimes

6. The ______ man is the only one who can lift the heavy rock.
   A. silly
   B. tall
   C. proud
   D. strong

7. The animal looks ______. Tom has never seen one like it before.
   A. calm
   B. embarrassed
   C. strange
   D. disgusting

8. When the sun goes down, the sky gets ______.
   A. warm
   B. dark
   C. bright
   D. cloudy

9. We were driving east, but we needed to go the opposite way. So we turned around and drove ______.
   A. west
   B. north
   C. left
   D. right

10. My mother says I am too ______ and that I need to eat ______.
    A. young … better
    B. healthy … meat
    C. skinny … more
    D. old … vegetables
Answers and Explanations

1) C
The children are walking alone at night and hear a loud noise. When you are alone at night, loud noises can be scary. Using this information, we can understand that the children are scared of the noise, as they away in search of a place to hide. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because you do not run away and hide if you are angry.

(B) is incorrect because you do not run away and hide if you are excited.

(D) is incorrect because you do not run away and hide if you are tired.

2) A
If two things are similar, they have something in common. Apples and oranges are similar because they are both fruits. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because oranges are not red.

(C) is incorrect because identical means that two things are exactly alike, but apples and oranges are different from each other.

(D) is incorrect because fruit is not bad or unhealthy for you. The opposite is true. Fruit is good, or healthy, for you.

3) C
When people get old, their hair turns gray and their skin becomes wrinkled. Also, the prompt tells us that the woman was born many years ago. Given this information, we can understand that she is probably old. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because although the woman might be strong, we cannot tell from the question. We only know from the question that she has gray hair and wrinkled skin and that she was born many years ago.

(B) is incorrect because young is the opposite of old. We only know from the question that the woman has gray hair and wrinkled skin and that she was born many years ago.

(D) is incorrect because although the woman might be kind, we cannot tell from the question. We only know from the question that she has gray hair and wrinkled skin and that she was born many years ago.

4) A
Smart students usually perform well in school. If Timothy gets good grades, studies hard and always does his homework, then it makes sense to say that he is smart. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because although Timothy might be funny, we cannot tell from the question.

(C) is incorrect because although Timothy might be tall, we cannot tell from the question.

(D) is incorrect because although Timothy might be popular, we cannot tell from the question.

5) B
If Jim needs to use something every day, it makes sense for him to always bring it to work. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because never means that something doesn’t happen at all. This is the opposite of “every day” or “always.”

(C) is incorrect because rarely means that something happens very little.

(D) is incorrect because sometimes means that something doesn’t happen all the time, only some of the time.

6) D
Someone who is strong can lift a lot of weight. If something is very heavy, only a strong person can lift it. Choice (D) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because a silly person may able to lift a lot of weight, but this characteristic does not directly affect whether or not he is able to do so. Only a person’s strength determines whether or not he or she can lift a weight.

(B) is incorrect because a tall person may able to lift a lot of weight, but this characteristic does not directly affect whether or not he is able to do so. Only a person’s strength determines whether or not he or she can lift a weight.

(C) is incorrect because a proud person may able to lift a lot of weight, but this characteristic does not directly affect whether or not he is able to do so. Only a person’s strength determines whether or not he or she can lift a weight.

7) C
Something that is strange has a different, sometimes bad characteristic that sets it apart from other things. If the animal looks different from any Tom has seen before, then it probably looks strange. Choice (C) is correct.
(A) is incorrect because the sentence does not provide information to make us think that the animal looks *calm*.

(B) is incorrect because the sentence does not provide information to make us think that the animal looks *embarrassed*.

(D) is incorrect because the sentence does not provide information to make us think that the animal looks *disgusting*.

8) B
The sun makes the sky light up. When the sun goes down, part of the sky no longer receives light. Therefore, when the sun goes down the sky gets *dark*. Choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because the sky does not necessarily get *warm* when the sun sets.

(C) is incorrect because the sky does not necessarily get *bright* when the sun sets.

(D) is incorrect because the sky does not necessarily get *cloudy* when the sun sets.

9) A
The word "but" means that two things are related in a negative or opposite way. East is the opposite of west. If you are traveling east and you turn around, you will be traveling west. Choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *north* is a direction word, but it is not the opposite of "east."

(C) is incorrect because *left* is a direction word, but it is not the opposite of "east."

(D) is incorrect because *right* is a direction word, but it is not the opposite of "east."

10) C
The more food you eat, the more weight you will probably gain. If someone is too *skinny*, he or she could eat *more* food to try to gain weight. Choice (C) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because there is no relationship between being *young* and eating *better*.

(B) is incorrect because there is no relationship between being *healthy* and eating *meat*. You can be healthy without eating meat at all.

(D) is incorrect because there is no relationship between being *old* and eating *vegetables*. 