

English

Reading

Directions: In this section of the test, you will show how well you can understand written English. There are several selections and some questions about each one. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.



Monarch Butterflies

- 1 You may have seen a large orange and black butterfly slowly flying by. Maybe it was flying so slowly you thought you could catch it.
- 3 The lazy-flying monarch butterfly can fly slowly in front of predators¹ because not even the hungriest will try to eat it. This is not because the monarch is the largest butterfly in North America. It's because it's the worst-tasting.
- 6 Why does the monarch butterfly taste so bad? The answer is milkweed! A monarch butterfly always lays its eggs on the leaves of a milkweed plant, which is poisonous to many insects. But young monarch larvae² love milkweed and eat the plant until they are stuffed. When the monarch larvae turn into striped caterpillars³ and later into full-grown butterflies, they carry the milkweed chemicals in their bodies. With the chemicals comes their terrible taste.
- 12 The monarch's bad flavor also protects another butterfly called the viceroy. Viceroys look just like monarchs, except that they're small. Predators will therefore avoid eating a viceroy, thinking it is a bad-tasting monarch—but it isn't!

¹predators – animals that hunt other animals

²larvae – the stage when butterflies are very young, have no wings, and look like worms

³caterpillars – The larvae turn into striped caterpillars before they turn into monarch butterflies.

1 What is the main topic of paragraph three?

- A what North American butterflies eat
- B why monarch butterflies avoid chemicals
- C why predators will not eat monarch butterflies
- D how butterflies change color when they are young

2 In line 4, the hungriest describes

- A milkweed.
- B predators.
- C larvae.
- D plants.

3 Monarch butterflies taste bad because

- A they are larger than other butterflies.
- B their larvae eat a lot of milkweed.
- C they look like viceroy butterflies.
- D their larvae turn into caterpillars.

4 In line 9, the word stuffed has the same meaning as

- A colorful.
- B small.
- C sad.
- D full.

5 The selection says, “Viceroys look just like monarchs, except that they’re small.” What is another way that viceroys are probably DIFFERENT from monarchs?

- A how they taste
- B how fast they are
- C what color they are
- D what sound they make



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

EXTRA PERFORMANCE ADDED!

Because tonight's performance of **The Lost Necklace** is sold out, we are adding another performance TOMORROW night.

We apologize to those people who could not get a seat tonight. Please come back tomorrow.

About tomorrow night's performance:

- o Play begins at 6 P.M.
- o Admission charge is \$2.
- o Try to arrive early to get a ticket!

About the play:

- o **The Lost Necklace** is an amusing mystery-drama produced by Sra. Mendez and her 7th Grade class.
- o First, a young girl loses her necklace on the way to school.
- o Then, strange things begin to happen all over the school!
- o All words and songs written by Sra. Mendez and her 7th Grade class.

This is by far the best drama of the year! Come see what everyone is talking about!



6 This selection is

- A a ticket.
- B a letter.
- C a school essay.
- D an announcement.

7 What is the main idea of this selection?

- A A play is being cancelled.
- B Another performance is being added.
- C The location of a play is being changed.
- D Some tickets are being returned.

8 What is the play about?

- A a lost necklace
- B the 7th Grade class
- C Señora Mendez
- D learning to sing

9 What time does the play start?

- A 2:00 P.M.
- B 3:00 P.M.
- C 6:00 P.M.
- D 7:00 P.M.

10 Which of these is an **OPINION**?

- A “Please come back tomorrow!”
- B “This is by far the best drama of the year!”
- C “Come see what everyone is talking about!”
- D “We apologize to those people who could not get a seat tonight.”