

EVALUARE ÎN EDUCAȚIE
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10th year of study (12th grade)

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15p I. Read and answer each question based on the information in the following passage:

Have you ever wondered what keeps a hot air balloon flying? The same principle that keeps food frozen in the open chest freezers at the grocery store allows hot air balloons to fly. It's a very basic principle: Hot air rises and cold air falls. So while the super-cooled air in the grocery store freezer settles down around the food, the hot air in a hot air balloon pushes up, keeping the balloon floating above the ground. In order to understand more about how this principle works in hot air balloons, it helps to know more about hot air balloons themselves.

A hot air balloon has three major parts: the basket, the burner and the envelope. The basket is where passengers ride. The basket is usually made of wicker. This ensures that it will be comfortable and add little extra weight. The burner is positioned above the passenger's heads and produces a huge flame to heat the air inside the envelope. The envelope is the colorful fabric balloon that holds the hot air. When the air inside the envelope is heated, the balloon rises. The pilot can control the up and down movements of the hot air balloon by regulating the heat in the envelope. To **ascend**, the pilot heats the air in the envelope. When the pilot is ready to land, the air in the balloon is allowed to cool and the balloon becomes heavier than air. This makes the balloon descend. Before the balloon is launched, the pilot knows which way the wind is blowing. This means that he has a general idea about which way the balloon will go.

But, sometimes the pilot can actually control the direction that the balloon flies while in flight. This is because the air above the ground is sectioned into layers in which the direction of the wind may be different. So even though the pilot can't steer the balloon, she can fly or higher or lower into a different layer of air. Some days the difference between the direction of the wind between layers is **negligible**. But other days the difference is so strong that it can actually push the balloon in a completely different direction!

1. According to the passage, balloon pilots control the balloon's altitude by:

- A.** moving into a different layer of air. **B.** regulating the air temperature inside the balloon. **C.** adjusting the amount of air in the envelope. **D.** changing the amount of weight contained in the basket.

2. As used in paragraph 2, which is the best synonym for *ascend*?

- A.** move **B.** fly **C.** sink **D.** climb

3. If the hot air balloon pilot wants to change directions during flight, what might he or she do to accomplish this?

- A.** head toward a mountain peak **B.** wait for it to rain **C.** fly into a cloud **D.** fly higher

4. Using the passage as a guide, it can be inferred that which of the following statements is **not** true?

- A.** Air goes up and out the top of a chimney when you light a fire. **B.** Cool air collects about the ceiling when you open a refrigerator. **C.** Smoke from a candle rises after you blow out the flame. **D.** Cold air coming from an air conditioning vent settles about the floor.

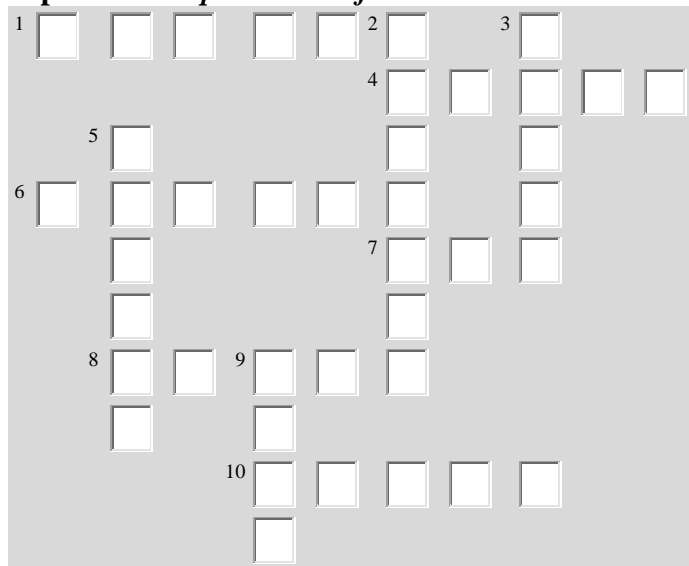
5. Based on its meaning in paragraph 3, the word *negligible* belongs to which of the following lists of words?

- A. solemn, grave, serious B. substantial, considerable, large C. exhilarating, thrilling, exciting D. insignificant, small, unnoticeable

10p **II. Read the statements and circle the correct synonym for each word in bold type:**

1. There was a **crack** in his theory that made it virtually unusable for further research.
 A. flaw B. crevice C. cleft D. blow
2. The large fine was meant to **deter** any would-be violator of the parking restrictions.
 A. defer B. discourage C. terrify D. upset
3. Thirteen museums stretched along either bank pay **homage** to nearly every section of the arts.
 A. service B. impudence C. respect D. admiration
4. "Book of pages" is a beautiful and utterly **enchanted** work to which you will undoubtedly return.
 A. captivating B. cheery C. supernatural D. mystic
5. The city council is hugely **indebted** to the continuing support from its major sponsor.
 A. welcome B. grateful C. thankless D. doubtful

10p **III. Complete each of the sentences with the suitable adjective to solve the crossword puzzle:**



Across

1. To be ____, I did not like your performance.
 4. Don't throw the bottle away. It may come in ____.
 6. He's so ____. He grasps the concepts so quickly!
 7. Don't be ____. You are among friends.
 8. How ____ he is! He keeps insisting on that.
 10. We must have a ____ discussion about our relationship.

Down

2. I'm ____. I'd like a glass of water, please.
 3. Why are you ____ with me? I didn't do anything wrong.
 5. You look ____. Did you stay up all night?
 9. I like ____ music, not loud music.

10p **IV. Read the lyrics of the song below and circle the correct choice for each pair:**

We'll never say goodbye
Simon & Garfunkel

We share the days of laughter
 We share the nights of sorrow
 And **1.in/ for** the morning after
 We face the bright tomorrow
 Side **2.by/ to** side we'll **3.always/ never** stand
 Spirits flying **4.high/ over**
 Long as I can **5.hold/ seize** your hand
 We'll never say goodbye.

We **6.walk/ stumble** the halls of learning
 And serve a proud tradition
 The **7.flame/ wave** of truth is burning
 To **8.clarify/ blur** our vision
 Look at how the future **9.gleams/ shows**
 Gold against the sky!
 Long as I can **10.share/ give** your dreams
 We'll never say goodbye.

10p **V. Fill in the blanks with the correct derived form of the word given in capitals:**

1. Teaching and medicine are more than....., they are professions. OCCUPY
 2. My greatest.....was graduating from university. ACHIEVE
 3. It is important to be aware of the less.....aspects of the job as well. DESIRE

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| 4. Why are you so.....of his work? He is just doing his best. | CRITIC |
| 5. It is totally.....that you stayed at home when you were sick. | UNDERSTAND |
| 6. After Monday, I will no longer be a foreigner! I am receiving my..... | CITIZEN |
| 7. Please do not laugh at his silly jokes, it will only.....to tell more! | COURAGE |
| 8. I think we should try something else. This strategy seems too..... | RISK |
| 9. You have to work on your orthography, so that you don't these words. | SPELL |
| 10. The weather.....looks utterly awful for a picnic. | CAST |

10p VI. Fill in each of the blanks with one suitable word.

On August 21 1911, **1.** thief stole Leonardo DaVinci's Mona Lisa from the Louvre in Paris. This was **2.** first major art theft of the 20th century and it put the city of Paris, a world cultural center, into shock. The culprit, later identified **3.** Vincenzo Perugia, managed to enter the premise and steal the masterpiece **4.** under the noses of the museum security guards and staff. Perugia possessed the painting for two years, **5.** transported it to Florence, Italy, **6.** he was arrested after a feeble attempt at selling the picture to the Uffizi. Perugia boldly stated **7.** his trial that he was an Italian patriot and only stole the painting **8.** that he could return it to Italy where **9.** rightfully belonged (He mistakenly believed the painting **10.** been taken out of Italy as war loot Napoleon Bonaparte).

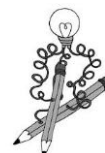
10p VII. Read each of the famous quotes below and circle the option that correctly renders its meaning.

- 1."All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke
A. Despite all efforts, the evil cannot be stopped.
B. Evil doesn't disappear on its own, good people have to take action against it.

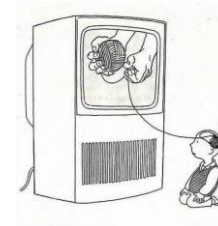


- 2."Follow your bliss and the universe will open doors for you where there were only walls." Joseph Campbell
A. Opening the right doors can prove more important than achieving happiness.
B. You decide how exciting your life is by making pathways to the things you love to do.

- 3."The pen is mightier than the sword." Edward Bulwer-Lytton
A. Well-chosen words can achieve more than using force.
B. Writers are more important than soldiers.



- 4."Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." Sir Walter Scott
A. Spider webs are difficult to escape without practice.
B. Lying leads to more lies and more chaos.



- 5."Familiarity breeds contempt." Aesop
A. The more we know a person or thing, the easier it is to lose respect for it.
B. If you get used to disrespect, it is easy to hurt others.

25p VIII. It is often argued that high school graduates should take a year off before entering college. How far do you agree with the statement? Support your answer with arguments in about 150 words.