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“Follow the Water” Quiz

Directions: Read “Follow the Water” and “What Would It Take to Live Here?” Then answer the questions below.

1. Which words BEST describe Georgie’s attitude about life on Mars?

- (A) fearful, uncertain
- (B) negative, resentful
- (C) curious, excited
- (D) thankful, delighted

2. Which line from the story provides the best evidence for your answer to question 1?

- (A) “But all those unmanned robots that explored the planet had seemed pretty good.” (p. 12)
- (B) ““There. That wasn’t so bad, now was it?”” (p. 12)
- (C) “Because on this dumb planet, I can’t even make a dramatic exit.” (p. 12)
- (D) “I pick up a toffee candy that they leave out in bowls on the tables.” (p. 14)

3. What do Georgie’s comments about *Red Mars* contribute to the story?

- (A) They emphasize that life on Mars has been a disappointment to Georgie.
- (B) They establish that Georgie loves to read.
- (C) They provide additional details about the technology required to travel to Mars.
- (D) They reveal that Georgie never wanted to move to Mars in the first place.

4. Read this sentence from page 19: “Though Mars gets to a balmy 70 degrees near its equator during the summer, most of the time it’s deathly cold.” From context clues, you can conclude that *balmy* means

- (A) dangerously cold.
- (B) warm and pleasant.
- (C) disappointing.
- (D) cloudy.

5. In question 4, context clues tell you all of the following EXCEPT which?

- (A) *Balmy* must mean nearly the opposite of “deathly cold.”
- (B) *Balmy* must be a good word to describe 70-degree weather.
- (C) *Balmy* describes weather in the summer, near Mars’s equator.
- (D) *Balmy* must have to do with danger, because it appears near the phrase “deathly cold.”

6. Both “Follow the Water” and “What Would It Take to Live Here?” support which idea?

- (A) Humans will never be able to live on Mars.
- (B) The lower gravity on Mars would benefit us.
- (C) Adjusting to life on Mars would be easier for adults than for teenagers.
- (D) Mars colonists would face many challenges.

Constructed-Response Questions

Directions: Write your answers to the questions below on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

7. Describe the role that Georgie’s dreams play in “Follow the Water.” What do they help the reader understand? Support your answer with details from the story.

8. Choose two of the challenges listed in “What Would It Take to Live Here?” Explain how these challenges have or have not been overcome in “Follow the Water.” Support your ideas with text evidence.