

The answers to the four Deeper Reading Practices are included in this document. For the multiple-choice questions, the correct letter choice is indicated in purple and is accompanied by a brief statement explaining WHY it is the best choice.

Grade 7: Deeper Reading Answer Keys

Excerpt from Hidden Figures

Question: 1

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. Neither of the selections are true.
- B. Incorrect. Though it is in third-person, the excerpt is not told in the present tense.
- C. Incorrect. Though it is told in past tense, the excerpt is not in first-person.
- D. **Correct.** The excerpt from *Hidden Figures* is told in past tense, from a third-person point of view.

Question: 2

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. The Mojave Desert is not the only landscape of its kind.
- B. **Correct.** This excerpt discusses two particular “computers” who ascended the ranks and made important contributions.
- C. Incorrect. This does not relate to the subject matter in the excerpt.
- D. Incorrect. The excerpt suggests that the opposite is true.

Question: 3

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. This has not yet been attempted.
- B. Incorrect. This came later than the X-1 flight.
- C. Incorrect. This was not the purpose of the X-1 aircraft.
- D. **Correct.** The excerpt describes the X-1 aircraft on its “record-breaking flight” as it exceeded “Mach 1,” or the speed of sound.

Question: 4

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. Yeager was the pilot, not a “computer.”
- B. Incorrect. Yeager was not a team leader.
- C. **Correct.** The excerpt states that Yeager “flew over the Mojave Desert in an NACA-developed experimental research plane called the Bell X-1.”
- D. Incorrect. He played a clear and important role.

Question: 5

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. Though perhaps true, there is no evidence in the passage to support this.
- B. **Correct.** The passage discusses the different opportunities afforded to men and women.
- C. Incorrect. There is no evidence in the passage to support this answer.
- D. Incorrect. Though perhaps true, there is no evidence in the passage to support this.

Question: 6

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. This is supporting evidence, but it is not the central idea.
- B. Incorrect. This is supporting evidence, but it is not the central idea.
- C. **Correct.** This is the sentence that most clearly suggests the central idea of the paragraph: that women had to work harder.
- D. Incorrect. This explains the central idea stated in C.

Question: 7

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. Perhaps, but this is not suggested in the passage.
- B. Incorrect. "Computers" refers literally to female engineers who worked in computing.
- C. Correct. Of the selections, this is the inference that is best supported by the passage.
- D. Incorrect. This is likely true, but the evidence passage does not support this inference.

Question: 8

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. This does not support the answer to the previous question.
- B. Incorrect. This does not support the answer to the previous question.
- C. Incorrect. This does not support the answer to the previous question.
- D. Correct. This is the sentence from the previous passage that shows the importance of the women to the project.

Question: 9

Explanations:

- A. Correct. This was the word for the people who analyzed and processed data before it could be done by machines.
- B. Incorrect. In this context, the word is referring to a person, not a machine.
- C. Incorrect. This does not make sense in the context of the passage.
- D. Incorrect. This does not make sense in the context of the passage.

Question: 10

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
It was particularly challenging in the 1940s and 1950s for women engineers to advance in their field.	The Langley engineers were sent to the Mojave Desert to work on the X-1 project.	Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier with the black women "computers" receiving and analyzing data from the plane on the ground.	Dorothy Vaughn was put in charge of the West Area Computers unit.

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"Casey at Bat"

Question: 1

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- B. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- C. Incorrect. Calling it a ballad of the Republic does call to mind the Civil War, but Mudville is a fictional town and there is no direct connection the the war.
- D. Correct. The phrasing begins to build the grandiosity that surrounds the events of the poem.

Question: 2

Explanations:

- A. Correct. "A straggling few got up to go in deep despair" reveals that some of the fans are giving up on the game and exiting.
- B. Incorrect. There is no evidence in the passage to support this answer.
- C. Incorrect. Flynn and Blake are still due up before Casey.
- D. Incorrect. "The rest Clung to the hope..." reveals most of the crowd still believes Mudville has a chance.

Question: 3

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. There is no evidence in the passage to support this answer.
- B. Incorrect. Here the crowd feels there is "little chance of Casey getting up to bat."
- C. Incorrect. There is no evidence in the passage to support this answer.
- D. Correct. After the poem relays why the fans have low opinions of Flynn and Blake, it describes that "upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat."

Question: 4

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- B. Incorrect. The crowd is angry over the umpire's called strikes, but Casey attempts to calm them.
- C. Correct. Casey's "sneer" and "haughty grandeur" as well as his decision to "ignore" the first two pitches suggest he is cocky.
- D. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.

Question: 5

Explanations:

- A. Correct. The crowd is in complete awe of Casey, being sent into a frenzy that "rumbled through the valley" from the moment he is coming to bat.
- B. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- C. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- D. Incorrect. The crowd treats this game as if it were life or death.

Question: 6

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. This line does not support the answer to Question 5.
- B. Incorrect. This line does not support the answer to Question 5.
- C. Correct. The crowd is so in awe of Casey that they all cheer simply when he wipes dirt off his hands.
- D. Incorrect. The mood of Mudville is riding on the result of this game, but this does not directly speak to how much sway Casey has over the fans.

Question: 7

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. The crowd has little faith in Casey or Blake.
- B. Correct. There are many descriptors throughout that signal how dramatic an effect winning or losing the game has on Mudville.
- C. Incorrect. Casey exudes confidence and calms the nervous fans for most of his at-bat.
- D. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.

Question: 8

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. This line does not support the answer to Question 7.
- B. Correct. The final stanza shows how crushed Mudville is by the outcome of the game.
- C. Incorrect. This line does not support the answer to Question 7.
- D. Incorrect. Casey attempting to calm the rabid fans who are getting worked up by his at-bat does not show the full extent of how deeply Mudville is affected by the game's outcome.

Question: 9

Synonym	Word
dark	grim
came before	preceded
sadness	melancholy
uproar	tumult
expression	visage

Question: 10

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
Mudville is losing by two runs heading into the last inning.	Two batters fail to get on base.	Two batters surprise the crowd with consecutive hits.	The crowd is outraged with strikes the umpire is calling.