

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 8: Deeper Reading Answer Keys

“Games Communities”

Question:1

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. This is not the main way the paragraph helps develop the Point argument.
- B. Incorrect. This is not the main way the paragraph helps develop the Point argument.
- C. Incorrect. Although the Point article talks about communication with new people, this is not the main way the paragraph helps develop the Point argument.
- D. Correct. Within the context of the argument, the paragraph illustrates an example of a player learning something new by talking to another player in a game.

Question:2

Explanations:

- A. Correct. The article strongly claims that self-esteem can be improved through chatting with communities in games.
- B. Incorrect. This is a sentiment more likely to be expressed in the Counterpoint article.
- C. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- D. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.

Question: 3

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- B. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- C. Correct. This inference is supported by the line, “These individuals play online games specifically to ruin the experience for other players.”
- D. Incorrect. The text explains that trolls are usually unskilled, but it does not claim that they are always unskilled.

Question:4

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- B. Correct. The context in the paragraph suggests that “flaming” is a term used to describe verbal harassment.
- C. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- D. Incorrect. The context in the paragraph suggests that the banned player’s friends would act oppositely from this answer.

Question:5

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- B. Incorrect. This sentiment is more likely to be expressed in the Counterpoint article.
- C. Incorrect. The Point article offers a geography lesson as an example of something a player can learn from a game, but it does not claim that geography is the most important lesson.
- D. Correct. The Point article offers examples of real-life situations where skills developed from playing games can help a person succeed.

Question:6

Explanations:

- A. Correct. This statement explains how gaming is related to improving skills outside of gaming.
- B. Incorrect. This statement does not support the correct answer to question 5.
- C. Incorrect. This statement does not support the correct answer to question 5.
- D. Incorrect. This statement explains a situation where someone can learn from playing video games, but it does not support the correct answer to question 5.

Question:7**Explanations:**

- A. Incorrect. The article mentions that mute buttons do not solve the long-term problems with rude comments and trolls in games.
- B. Incorrect. This sentiment is more likely to be expressed in the Point article.
- C. Incorrect. There is no evidence to support this answer.
- D. Correct. The article talks about games promoting negative social experiences.

Question:8**Explanations:**

- A. Incorrect. This statement explains the root of the problem the Counterpoint article argues, but it does not support the correct answer to question 7.
- B. Incorrect. This statement does not support the correct answer to question 7.
- C. Correct. This statement explains that negative language adversely impacts communication with other people in games.
- D. Incorrect. This statement does not support the correct answer to question 7.

Question:9

Quote	Article
"Multiplayer gaming brings people together."	Point
"Our society needs a better sense of community."	Counterpoint
"Gaming companies should consider making more efforts to inform parents of bad online behavior by their children."	Counterpoint
"Communication is more than just reading and writing."	Point

Question:10

Synonym	Word
setting	environment
earnings	revenue
nickname	moniker
base	foundation
encourage	foster

Grade 8: Deeper Reading Answer Keys**"Mother to Son"****Question:1****Explanations:**

- A. Incorrect. There is no evidence in the poem to support this answer.
- B. Correct. The mother says life has not been a *crystal* stair, but one with tacks, torn up boards, and no carpet.
- C. Incorrect. There is no evidence in the poem to support this answer.
- D. Incorrect. The mother is speaking to her son, not using him as an analogy for life.

Question:2**Explanations:**

- A. Incorrect. This is a statement to her son to listen to her wisdom.
- B. Incorrect. This quote is a description of life, as expressed through her analogy.
- C. Correct. This line shows that the mother keeps trying in her life; she keeps climbing the metaphorical staircase to get to something better.
- D. Incorrect. This is a line telling her son not to give up.

Question:3

Explanations:

- A. Correct. The mother's inferred advice for her son is to not give up when life is hard, because she has been able to continue trying.
- B. Incorrect. There is no evidence in the poem to support this answer.
- C. Incorrect. While the mother's analogy is a hazardous staircase, the theme is not about repairing but persevering.
- D. Incorrect. The mother is telling the son *not* to give up in the poem.

Question:4

Explanations:

- A. Incorrect. These lines are about the mother's struggle, specifically.
- B. Incorrect. These lines are about the mother's perspective of life, not about home repair.
- C. Incorrect. These lines are about the mother's struggle, solely.
- D. Correct. These lines include the mother's plea to her son to not give up, as well as showing herself as an example of perseverance.

Question:5

Mother Says of Herself	Mother Says to Son
"Life for me ain't been no crystal stair."	"Don't you set down on the steps"
"And sometimes goin' in the dark"	"Don't you fall now—"