

Creative Campus: Learning with Latitude

Mini Mocks 4' 20

*Comprehension Open Ended & Cloze * Visual Text Comprehension
*Synthesis and Transformation *Grammar and Vocabulary MCQ

Comprehension Open-ended Questions [20 marks]

Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. According to the narrator, why do the narrator's mother and her classmates enjoy shortbread cookies and whoopie pies respectively? 1m each

The narrator's mother enjoys shortbread cookies because ...	Shortbread cookies have an intense taste of butter [1]. ["crumble in your mouth..." point is not accepted]
The narrator's classmates enjoy whoopie pies because ...	Whoopie pies contain marshmallow cream OR are fluffy and moist [1].

[para 1: My mother and I like the deep buttery flavour of shortbreads, which crumble in your mouth if not in your fingers. Whoopie pies, with that dollop of marshmallow cream sandwiched between equally pillowy confections, are a hit with most of my classmates.]

2. Why are chocolate chip cookies the narrator's favourite? 2m

Chocolate chip cookies can be baked to everybody's preference [1; inferred] and are thus universally/always loved [1].

[para 2: Why, you ask? Simply put, it is a timeless classic that holds so many possibilities...Chocolate chip cookies are incredibly versatile, and thus irresistible to everyone.]

3. Which adjective from paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'delectable'? 1m

luscious

4. Why was the new recipe "more trouble than expected" (paragraph 4)? 2m

It was more difficult than anticipated [1; explain phrase], as

- it had a **more complex process** [1] OR
- it required the narrator to **replace the ingredients** [1; inferred].

[para 4: I attempted a new recipe that ended up being more trouble than expected, since it had more steps than usual. I even had to substitute certain ingredients for others.]

5. In paragraph 5, the narrator felt two different emotions before and after her first taste of the cookie. Fill in the blanks with a suitable adjective. 2m

	Emotion	Reason
Before tasting	Annoyed/vexed/exasperated	The new recipe was more trouble than expected.
After tasting	Satisfied	The cookie tasted delicious.

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[para 5: Upon taste-testing the first cookie from the batch, I could not stop a smile of bliss from spreading on my face. All my frustration from baking that batch of cookies melted away as smoothly as the bittersweet chocolate chips dissolved in my mouth.]

6. According to the narrator, "satisfaction lingered" (paragraph 5) even after she had finished her cookie. Explain why this may be so. 2m

Her sense of fulfilment remained after the cookie was eaten [1; explain phrase] as she knew that her loved ones would enjoy the cookies as much as she did [1; inferred].

[para 5: As I slowly savoured the cookie with a cup of soy milk, I imagined how my friends and family would love these treats. As such, the satisfaction lingered far longer than the cookie lasted.]

7. Which sentence from paragraph 7 tells you that the narrator was not upset at her sister's behaviour? Write it in the box provided. 1m

I could only shake my head smilingly as I nestled the cookie jar in the fridge.

8. Choose a word from paragraph 6 to 8 which has a similar meaning to each of the words in the boxes. Write the words in the boxes below. 3m

decadent	indulgent
perplexingly	mysteriously
maximum	abject

9. "The only clues that remained at the crime scene were a few sad crumbs." (paragraph 8) What does the 'crime scene' actually refer to? 1m

It refers to the cookie jar.

10. Sequence events as they appear in the passage. 1m

2 The narrator was satisfied with her cookies' taste. (para 4b/5a)

3 The narrator confronted her family via text. (para 9)

1 The narrator briefly regretted using a new recipe. (para 4a)

11. Identify whether the statements below are true or false. Mark your answers with (T) for each true statement and (F) for each false statement. 3m

Statement	True/False	Reason
The narrator often bakes on special occasions.	T	She bakes for all her family members' birthdays and her parents' anniversary. [para 3: Although I usually bake for all of their birthdays, as well as my parents' wedding anniversary, last week's endeavour did not have any special meaning.]
When substituting molasses, the narrator used honey for its flavour.	F	She used honey to impart a suitably thick/sticky texture. [para 4: Instead, I had to use a combination of honey and melted brown sugar -- honey

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		<i>for its thick, viscous texture, and brown sugar for that warm, earthy flavour.]</i>
The narrator suspects that Maddy was the cookie thief.	T	Maddy threatened to eat more cookies than she was allocated. [para 7: "Or maybe Levi will mysteriously find one of his missing," she shot back cheekily. I could only shake my head smilingly as I nestled the cookie jar in the fridge. para 8: Maybe I should have known then.]

Additional Questions for GEPs (5 marks)

1. In paragraph 2, the narrator describes several kinds of chocolate chip cookies. Suggest which kind the narrator's favourite is, and name a four-word phrase from paragraph 2 which supports your view. 2m

The narrator's favourite is...	a cookie that has a soft middle and crisp edges. [1]
The four-word phrase is...	'best of both worlds' [1]

[para 2: Or perhaps, it had the best of both worlds: a delicate centre and crunchy edges!]

2. The use of 'crime scene' is a literary device. State the literary device that this is, and give another example of the same literary device found in paragraph 8. ½m each

Literary device	Metaphor
Another example of the literary device is...	'Clues' [T-note: This sentence is an extended metaphor]

[para 8: The only clues that remained at the crime scene were a few sad crumbs.]

3. Based on the events of the passage, why would the use of the phrase 'crime scene' (paragraph 8) be appropriate? 1m

Someone had stolen all of the narrator's cookies [½], and theft is a crime [½].

[para 8: Naively thinking 'I could really use a cookie right now,' I headed straight for the fridge. To my abject horror, none were left! I peered harder into the jar. The only clues that remained at the crime scene were a few sad crumbs.]

4. "There was nothing left to do but wait..." (paragraph 9)
Suggest a reason for the use of ellipsis to end the story. 1m

It is used to create a cliffhanger/to create suspense. [1]

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Synthesis and Transformation [20 marks]

- Both of the twins do not want to attend the prize-giving ceremony. Neither **of the twins want to attend the prize-giving ceremony.**
- They like cakes. They like cookies more. **They prefer cookies to cakes.**
- "You must be more careful in the future!" said Tim. Tim said **that I had to be more careful in the future.**
- He was angry that his mother would not allow him to play. Much to his **anger, his mother would not allow him to play.**
- The two countries are separated by a border. Separating **the two countries is a border.**
- She did not pay attention to the pot. The water fully evaporated. Had she **paid attention to the pot, the water would not have fully evaporated.**
- My father insists that he has fed the tortoise. The tortoise is still looking for food. Although **my father insists that he has fed the tortoise, it is still looking for food.**
- "I didn't eat more than I ate yesterday," Maddy claimed. Maddy **claimed that she did not eat more than she had eaten the day before.**
- Jake was disrespectful to Charlie. He was scolded badly by Mrs Lim. **Jake was scolded badly by Mrs Lim** because of his **disrespect to Charlie.**
- Even though it was raining, the rugby match continued. Despite **the fact that it was raining, the rugby match continued.**