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PART 1 Stations 1-3

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** This is for a grade!
From Disappointment to Purpose

(1) I'm known for my determination. (2) If I want something, I go for it; I refuse to give up until I succeed. (3) Over the years this attitude has worked good for me and helped me achieve my goals. (4) For example, when I wanted to be on the dance team at school, I learned all the dances and practiced until I could barely move. (5) When I wanted to play an instrument, I borrowed my dad's guitar and sat for hours teaching myself the basic chords. (6) And when I wanted money for a new computer, I washed cars, babysat, and walked dogs for all my neighbors. (7) But this year everything changed, I had set my sights on a summer job that I was determined to get. (8) I could already see myself depositing my weekly checks and building up my savings. (9) Unfortunately, I wasn't offered the job. (10) But from that disappointment I learned a very valuable lesson.

(11) My friends and I had all planned to work at the Water Zone. (12) We had visited this park every summer for the past several years and had dreamed about working there together once we were old enough. (13) Park employees could go on the water rides after their shift and get free food at the snack bar. (14) It was the perfect job to have on hot summer days. (15) So just as I had attacked every goal in the past, I set out to land a job at the Water Zone. (16) I completed the application in my neatest handwriting, carefully prepared for my interview, and gathered a stack of recommendation letters. (17) I was certain that no obstacle could keep me from my dream job.

(18) Three days after my interview, the manager of the Water Zone calls. (19) He told me that there had been so many applicants that he could hire only those with experience in water safety. (20) I was devastated. (21) Apparently, while I had been busy washing cars, babysitting, and walking dogs, my friends had been earning their lifeguard certification and working at neighborhood pools.

(22) I would be the only one of us not working at the Water Zone. (23) I felt like a failure.
(24) With no dream job secured, I let my neighbors know that I would again be available for summer babysitting and other chores. (25) On the last weekend before school ended for the summer, my piano teacher, Mrs. Keller, called me. (26) She wondered whether I would be interested in an opening at her daughter’s summer day camp. (27) I decided that I had nothing to lose, so I called the manager and scheduled an interview. (28) She was impressed by my babysitting experience and references and offered me a job on the spot. (29) In less than a week, I had completely forgotten about wanting to work at the water park. (30) Each time I comforted a little boy who missed his mother or a little girl who needed help tying her shoes, I felt I was doing something significant. (31) I realized that I had discovered my life’s purpose: to work with children. (32) I now have a new goal. (33) I’m going to study to become an elementary school teacher.

(34) Sometimes in life we don’t get exactly what we want. (35) Our dream guy or girl may not be interested in us. (36) The coach may not select us for the team. (37) A certain employer may not choose to hire us. (38) When something like this happens, it’s natural to feel disappointed; I sure did. (39) But I also learned an important lesson. (40) Occasionally, when we don’t get what we want, something even better is waiting for us around the corner!
What change should be made in sentence 3?
A. Change *years* to *year’s*
B. Change *good* to *well*
C. Change *achieve* to *acheive*
D. No change should be made in sentence 3.

How should sentence 16 be changed?
A. Change *completed* to *completted*
B. Delete the comma after *handwriting*
C. Change *carefully prepared* to *I carefully prepared*
D. Change *recommendation* to *recommendation*

What change needs to be made in sentence 27?
A. Change *I decided* to *Deciding*
B. Change *had* to *hadn’t*
C. Change *loose* to *lose*
D. Change *an* to *a*

What change needs to be made in sentence 40?
F. Change *Occasionally* to *Occasionally*
G. Delete the comma after *want*
H. Change *even better* to *even more better*
J. No change needs to be made.
Bunkmate Surprise

(1) My bulletin board is covered with pictures of Carmen and me. (2) In almost all of them, we are at Camp Flaming Rock. (3) Every summer for the past five years, we’ve been camp bunkmates. (4) We’re great friends, so I was estatic to be returning to camp for another fun summer together. (5) You can imagine my shock when I got to the registration table and discovered that I had been assigned to bunk with Kaitlyn. (6) How could anyone seriously expect Kaitlyn and me to bunk together?

(7) If Carmen and I were like two peas in a pod, Kaitlyn and I were like the repelling ends of magnets. (8) The idea of spending two weeks with her as my bunkmate was hard to imagine. (9) Although I was to old to cry about the situation, tears threatened to spill down my cheeks anyway. (10) I shuffled to the cabin, now dreading the weeks to come as much as I had anticipated them before.

(11) Kaitlyn’s gear was already on the top bunk when I got there. (12) As I grudgingly unpacked, she sorted her belongings and completely ignored me. (13) For the rest of the day, neither of us spoke, it was obvious that she was no happier about the arrangement than I was.

(14) At Camp Flaming Rock your bunkmate is also your partner for daily activities. (15) That meant that Kaitlyn and I were thrust into each other’s presence all day long. (16) At first, grouchiness prevailed, but as the days passed on, both of our attitudes started to change. (17) While we were canoeing one day, I was stung by a bee, and my hand began to swell.
(18) Kaitlyn paddled the rest of the way back by herself. (19) By the time we got to the shore, she was hot and sweaty, but she didn’t complain; she just walked with me to the nurse’s station. (20) Another day our group played a game based on identifying sounds. (21) I was blindfolded and had to find my way to Kaitlyn by listening to a sound she typically made. (22) When she started making the snoring noises I had been hearing every night, I was able to find her in no time. (23) As soon as the blindfold came off, we both laughed hysterically.

(24) Over time, I noticed some things about Kaitlyn that I had never really seen before. (25) I had always thought she was a bit of a snob, but the more I got to know her, the more I realized that she was just shy. (26) She seemed snobbish because like me, she often worried about what other people would think of her.

(27) As we began to open up to each other, I started to see how Kaitlyn and I were really a lot alike. (28) We both loved singing, we both had pesky little brothers, and we both insisted on sleeping in fuzzy socks!

(29) The end of camp rolled around faster than either of us could have imagined. (30) As Kaitlyn and I packed our suitcases, we laughed about how awkward our first few days together had been. (31) We were both surprised at what close friends we had became. (32) Although I missed bunking with Carmen that summer, I’m glad I made another close friend. (33) Now there’s a new picture on my bulletin board at home. (34) It’s of me and my special friend Kaitlyn. (35) And both of us are wearing fuzzy socks!
1. What change, if any, needs to be made in sentence 27?
   A. Delete the comma
   B. Change Kaitlyn and I to Kaitlyn and me
   C. Change a lot to alot
   D. No change needs to be made.

2. What change should be made in sentence 31?
   F. Change We to Because we
   G. Insert a comma after surprised
   H. Change became to become
   J. Sentence 31 should not be changed.

3. How should sentence 4 be changed?
   F. Delete so
   G. Change was to am
   H. Change estatic to ecstatic
   J. Sentence 4 should not be changed.

4. What change is needed in sentence 9?
   A. Delete Although
   B. Change to old to too old
   C. Delete the comma
   D. Change cheeks to cheek’s
Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show

(1) With his flowing hair, thick mustache, and long goatee, the rider was an impressive man.  (2) Sitting high in the saddle on a white stallion, he made a grand entrance.  (3) The horse reared, and the man waved his Stetson hat to the audience.  (4) What a sight he was in his tall, polished boots, beaded gloves, and fringed jacket!  (5) As he dismounted and bowed, the crowd roared its approval.  (6) The spectators were cheering for "Buffalo Bill" Cody the ultimate showman and the host of the renowned Wild West Show.

(7) An adventurous life led William Frederick Cody to the stage.  (8) Born in the Iowa Territory in 1846, he grew up on the prairie.  (9) At age 14 he noticed an ad for a pony express rider.  (10) The ad stated that the rider must be willing to risk death daily.  (11) Cody landed the job and joined a team of brave young men who carried packages and mail across dangerous western terrain.  (12) When the Civil War broke out, he rode as a Union scout and later in the cavalry.  (13) At age 21 he hunted buffalo to provide meat for the Kansas Pacific Railroad construction crews.  (14) In time, Cody was declared the most proficient buffalo hunter on the plains, eventually earning the nickname Buffalo Bill.  (15) An author who wrote under the pen name Ned Buntline then made the character Buffalo Bill the hero of their novels.
(16) In 1883, Cody took his larger-than-life personality to the stage by putting together a spectacular show. (17) Part history lesson and part circus, the outdoor pageant reenacted scenes from America's frontier. (18) There were dramatizations of stagecoach robberies, frontier battles, and buffalo hunts. (19) Cody cast some of the West's most well-known figures. (20) For example, Sitting Bull, the famous Lakota Sioux chief, joined the show for a season. (21) Popular Texan cowboys Bill Pickett and Buck Taylor were also part of the troupe.

(22) Cody created some new stars, too. (23) In 1885 his extravaganza introduced a petite, young Ohio woman who was an expert sharpshooter. (24) Phoebe Ann Moses took the stage name Annie Oakley and soon became an audience favorite. (25) Oakley, who was nicknamed "Little Sure Shot," toured the world with the cast. (26) An advocate for women's rights, Buffalo Bill made sure that Oakley and the cast's other cowgirls earned wages comparable to those of the cowboys.

Program Cover for One of Buffalo Bill's Shows

(27) Buffalo Bill became a symbol of the West, and his spectacular show became world famous. (28) It was a hit in Europe, in Canada, and across the United States. (29) In Texas alone, the show played in Abilene, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio, Waco, and 40 other cities and towns.

(30) When the Wild West Show disbanded just before World War I. (31) It was declared the most successful traveling show of all time. (32) Unfortunately, however, Cody had been a far better showman than businessman. (33) Before his death in 1917, he had lost almost all his money. (34) Although his fortune was gone, he continued to take great pride in his accomplishments. (35) It was reported that Buffalo Bill's final words were "Let my show go on!"
1. What change should be made in sentence 6?
   F   Insert he was after Cody
   G   Insert a comma after Cody
   H   Change renowned to renownned
   J   No change should be made.

2. How should sentence 9 be changed?
   A   Change noticed to notices
   B   Change for to it was for
   C   Change pony express to Pony Express
   D   Sentence 9 does not need to be changed.

3. What change should be made in sentence 17?
   A   Change Part to It was part
   B   Delete the comma
   C   Change pageant to pagent
   D   Change Americas’ to America’s

4. What is the correct way to write sentences 30 and 31?
   F   When the Wild West Show disbanded just before World War I, it was declared the most successful traveling show of all time.
   G   The Wild West Show disbanded just before World War I. Having been declared the most successful traveling show of all time.
   H   The Wild West Show disbanded just before World War I, at that time it was declared the most successful traveling show of all time.
   J   The sentences are written correctly in the paper.