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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Read this sentence from the story: *Trisha's uncle grunted and whistled **commands** to calm Pepper down.* What are **commands**?

Ⓐ suggestions to change

Ⓑ orders to do something

Ⓒ ideas about what happened

Ⓓ words impossible to understand

2. Which characteristics best describe Adrian?

Ⓐ sneaky and aggressive

Ⓑ cautious and obedient

Ⓒ careful and sneaky

Ⓓ friendly and respectful

3. Read this sentence from the story: *Trisha froze, feeling like she was tethered to the back end of a racecar.* What caused Trisha to feel this way in the barn?

Ⓐ She was tied to the hood of a racecar.

Ⓑ The horse was dragging her around the barn.

Ⓒ It was freezing in the barn where Pepper was being saddled.

Ⓓ She was holding the fast-running horse's reins.

4. What caused Pepper to run from the stable with Trisha on his back?

Ⓐ Adrian smacked him on the rear.

Ⓑ Trisha gave him the command to go.

Ⓒ Trisha startled Pepper when she got on his back.

Ⓓ Someone else yelled for Pepper from outside the barn.

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5. How might Adrian act when his father finds him in the barn at the end of the story?

Ⓐ He might pretend as if nothing had happened.

Ⓑ He might be sorry about what he had done.

Ⓒ He might be scared of what trouble he might be in.

Ⓓ All of the above

6. *Trisha heard her uncle* ***bragging*** *about his prized new thoroughbred.* What does **bragging** mean?

Ⓐ yelling loudly

Ⓑ laughing and joking

Ⓒ talking with pride

Ⓓ showing respect and modesty

7. What best describes how Trisha was feeling when she was riding Pepper?

Ⓐ Trisha was excited to be riding so fast.

Ⓑ Trisha was scared she might get hurt.

Ⓒ Trisha was proud she could ride Pepper so well.

Ⓓ Trisha was disappointed that Adrian wasn't on the horse with her.

8. Which sentence best explains why Trisha's uncle was able to calm down Pepper?

Ⓐ He knew a lot about horses from living on a farm and riding horses himself.

Ⓑ He could speak in horse language.

Ⓒ He was an adult.

Ⓓ All of the above

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9. What reason did Trisha's uncle have for being upset with her?

Ⓐ She had talked Adrian into letting her ride the horse.

Ⓑ She had yelled at him not to startle the horse.

Ⓒ She had ridden his favorite horse without his permission and had almost gotten hurt.

Ⓓ She had run off to hide in the barn with the horse after her uncle tried to calm her down.

10. What did Trisha's actions on the horse tell you about her?

Ⓐ She screamed when she wasn't afraid.

Ⓑ She didn't like movies with horses.

Ⓒ She knew how to ride a horse really well.

Ⓓ She helped herself by thinking quickly.

11. Extended Response: Do you think Trisha's uncle was right to be upset about what happened? Why or why not?

12. Extended Response: What might Trisha do in the future if someone dares her to do something?

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. (B) *Vocabulary*
2. (A) *Analyze Character*
3. (D) *Cause and Effect*
4. (C) *Cause and Effect*
5. (D) *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. (C) *Vocabulary*
7. (B) *Analyze Character*
8. (A) *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. (C) *Cause and Effect*
10. (D) *Analyze Character*
11. Answers will vary, but should take a position and support it with details from the story. Sample: *I think Trisha's uncle was right to be upset because the horse was his favorite thoroughbred, Trisha knew she shouldn't be riding the horse, and she almost got hurt.*
12. Answers will vary, but should include the following ideas: *walk away from the person daring her, ask for help from an adult when she's feeling uneasy about something, follow her own thoughts about what is right and wrong.*

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