Point of View, Suspense, and Humor

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Quick Review

Point of view controls what readers know, when they know it, and how they interpret a scene. Effects such as suspense and humor often come from that gap.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

The Announcement

From the back row, Jalen watched Principal Soto unfold the yellow paper. He was certain it held the name of the scholarship winner, and he was equally certain that his own interview had gone badly. He had answered one question about leadership by describing the time he labeled every extension cord in the auditorium.

Across the aisle, Mina tried not to smile. She had helped count the judges' ballots and knew the announcement was not a single winner at all. This year, the committee had created a second award for quiet service, after reading Jalen's recommendation letters from the stage crew.

Principal Soto cleared his throat. Jalen stared at the floor. Mina stared at Jalen. When the principal read Mina's name for the academic scholarship, Jalen clapped so loudly that three people turned around.

Then Principal Soto said, And for the first Quiet Service Award, the committee honors the student who makes every performance possible before the curtain rises. Jalen looked up only when Mina kicked the leg of his chair.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Use the passage to answer each question. Choose the best answer and support short responses with evidence.

1. Which sentence from the passage BEST supports the inference that Jalen underestimates the value of his behind-the-scenes work.?

A. Principal Soto unfolded the yellow paper.

B. He had answered one question about leadership by describing the time he labeled every extension cord in the auditorium.

C. Mina tried not to smile.

D. Jalen clapped loudly for Mina.

2. Which statement BEST expresses the central idea or theme of the passage?

   A. A person may not recognize that quiet, practical service is a form of leadership.

   B. Awards are meaningful only when they are academic.

   C. Public speeches are always misleading.

   D. Friends should keep all secrets from each other.

3. What does the word 'quiet' most nearly mean as it is used in the passage?

   A. silent because of fear

   B. weak or unimportant

   C. unshowy and not seeking attention

   D. hidden for dishonest reasons

4. How does the structure or key detail identified in the passage contribute to meaning?

   A. It removes the surprise from the reader entirely.

   B. It makes Mina the principal of the school.

   C. It proves Jalen does not deserve an award.

   D. The shift between Jalen's limited view and Mina's knowledge creates suspense because the reader knows a surprise is coming before Jalen does.

5. Which conclusion is BEST supported by the whole passage?

   A. The scene is tragic because Mina loses the scholarship.

   B. The scene is gently humorous because Jalen is loudly celebrating Mina while missing that his own recognition is about to be announced.

   C. The scene is angry because Principal Soto mocks Jalen.

   D. The scene is confusing because no award is given.

6. Which choice is the BEST objective summary of the passage?

   A. Jalen thinks he has lost a scholarship, but Mina knows a second award will recognize his quiet service, creating suspense and humor before he understands.

   B. Jalen and Mina argue about who should win a scholarship.

   C. Principal Soto cancels the awards because ballots are missing.

   D. Mina tricks Jalen into leaving before his name is called.

7. Which answer should be rejected because it goes beyond what the passage supports?

   A. A person may not recognize that quiet, practical service is a form of leadership.

   B. The scene is gently humorous because Jalen is loudly celebrating Mina while missing that his own recognition is about to be announced.

   C. Awards are meaningful only when they are academic.

   D. The shift between Jalen's limited view and Mina's knowledge creates suspense because the reader knows a surprise is coming before Jalen does.

8. Which detail would be MOST useful to quote in a written response about the passage?

A. Principal Soto unfolded the yellow paper.

B. Mina tried not to smile.

C. Jalen clapped loudly for Mina.

D. He had answered one question about leadership by describing the time he labeled every extension cord in the auditorium.

9. In 2-3 sentences, explain how one quoted detail supports the idea that Jalen underestimates the value of his behind-the-scenes work..

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10. Write a one-sentence analysis of the passage's message or main idea. Then name one detail that supports it.

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Answer Keys

1	A	**B**	C	D	6	**A**	B	C	D
2	**A**	B	C	D	7	A	B	**C**	D
3	A	B	**C**	D	8	A	B	C	**D**
4	A	B	C	**D**	9	See below			
5	A	**B**	C	D	10	See below			

Explanations

1. B	The correct evidence directly proves the stated inference rather than merely mentioning the same topic.
2. A	The correct answer covers the whole passage, while the distractors are too narrow, too extreme, or unsupported.
3. C	The context around the word points to this meaning in this passage.
4. D	The correct answer explains the role the detail plays in the development of the text.
5. B	The correct conclusion follows from multiple details, not from a single isolated word.
6. A	A strong summary includes the main conflict or idea and the outcome without personal opinion.
7. C	This choice overstates or invents an idea that the passage does not prove.
8. D	This detail is specific enough to support analysis in a written response.
9.	**Answer:** A strong response quotes or closely paraphrases: He had answered one question about leadership by describing the time he labeled every extension cord in the auditorium. Then it explains how that detail proves the inference instead of only repeating it. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.
10.	**Answer:** A strong response states: A person may not recognize that quiet, practical service is a form of leadership. It supports the statement with a precise detail such as: He had answered one question about leadership by describing the time he labeled every extension cord in the auditorium. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning.

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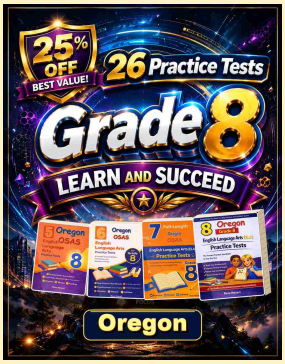

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