

**MISD ELA 7.2 Post Assessment—Grammar—Teacher (test ID 10852)**

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**DIRECTIONS:** The following assessment consists of twenty underlined words and phrases in context or general questions about the passages. Most of the underlined passages contain errors or inappropriate expressions. You are asked to compare each with the four alternatives in the answer column. If you consider the original version best, choose the letter A: NO CHANGE. Read each passage through before answering the questions based on it.

<b>Passage 1</b>	
<p><b>Inspirational Stories</b> <b>Remind Us to Never Give Up</b> By Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen</p> <p>[1] <u>Henry Ford failed, and went broke five times before he finally succeeded.</u></p> <p>Beethoven handled the violin awkwardly and preferred playing his own compositions instead of improving his technique. His teacher called him hopeless as a composer.</p> <p>Colonel Sanders had the construction of a new road put him out of business in 1967. He went to over 1,000 places trying to sell his chicken recipe before he found a buyer interested in his 11 herbs and spices. Seven years later, at the age of 75, Colonel Sanders sold his fried chicken company for a finger-lickin' \$15 million!</p> <p>Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lack of ideas. [2] <u>Disney also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.</u></p> <p>Charles Darwin, father of the theory of evolution, gave up a medical career and was told by his father, [3] <u>“You care for nothing but shooting, dogs and rat catching.”</u> In his autobiography, Darwin wrote, “I was considered by my father, a very ordinary boy, rather below the</p>	<p>1. A NO CHANGE B Henry Ford failed and went broke five times before he finally succeeded.* C Henry Ford, failed and went broke five times before he finally succeeded. D Henry Ford failed and went broke five times, before he, finally succeeded.</p> <p><i>Correct use of commas</i></p> <p>2. A NO CHANGE * B Disney, also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland. C Disney, also, went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland. D Disney also went bankrupt several times, before he built Disneyland.</p> <p><i>Correct use of commas</i></p> <p>3. A NO CHANGE B “You care for nothing but shooting, dogs, and rat catching.” * C “You care for nothing but shooting, dogs, and rat, catching.” D “You care for nothing, but shooting, dogs, and rat catching.”</p> <p><i>Correct use of commas</i></p>

common standard in intellect.

Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four years old and didn't read until he was seven. His teacher described him as "[4] mentally slow, unsociable and adrift forever in his foolish dreams." He was expelled and refused admittance to Zurich Polytechnic School. The University of Bern turned down his Ph.D. dissertation as being irrelevant and fanciful.

The movie [5] Star Wars was rejected by every movie studio in Hollywood before 20th-Century Fox finally produced it. It went on to be one of the largest grossing movies in film history.

[6] Louis Pasteur is only a mediocre pupil in undergraduate studies and ranked 15th out of 22 in chemistry.

[7] When NFL running back Herschel Walker was in junior high school, he wanted to play football, but the coach told him he was too small. He advised young Herschel to go out for track instead. Never one to give up, he ignored the coach's advice and began an intensive training program to build himself up. Only a few years later, Herschel Walker won the Heisman trophy.

[8] When General Douglas MacArthur applied for admission to West Point he was turned down, not once but twice. [9] But he tried a third time, was accepted and marched into the history books.

After Fred Astaire's first screen test, the memo from the testing director of MGM, dated 1933, said, "Can't act! Slightly bald! Can dance a little!" Astaire kept that memo over the fireplace in his Beverly Hills home.

4. A NO CHANGE  
B mentally slow unsociable and adrift  
C mentally slow unsociable, and adrift  
D mentally slow, unsociable, and adrift \*

*Correct use of commas*

5. A NO CHANGE \*  
B Star Wars is rejected by every movie studio  
C Star Wars will be rejected by every movie studio  
D Star Wars were rejected by every movie studio

*Consistent verb tense*

6. A NO CHANGE  
B Louis Pasteur was only a mediocre pupil \*  
C Louis Pasteur were only a mediocre pupil  
D Louis Pasteur will be only a mediocre pupil

*Consistent verb tense*

7. A NO CHANGE \*  
B When NFL running back, Herschel Walker was in junior high school, he wanted to play football  
C When NFL running back Herschel Walker was in junior high school, he wanted to play football  
D When NFL running back Herschel Walker, was in junior high school, he wanted to play football,

*Correct punctuation of adverbial subordinate clause*

8. A NO CHANGE  
B When General Douglas MacArthur, applied for admission to West Point he was turned down, not once but twice.  
C When General Douglas MacArthur applied for admission, to West Point, he was turned down, not once but twice.  
D When General Douglas MacArthur applied for admission to West Point, he was turned down, not once but twice.\*

*Correct punctuation of adverbial subordinate clause*

9. A NO CHANGE  
B But he tried a third time, was accepted, and marched into the history books.\*  
C But he tried a third time was accepted and marched into the history books.  
D But, he tried a third time, was accepted and marched into the history books.

*Correct use of commas*

[10] The father of the sculptor Rodin (The Thinker statue said,) “I have an idiot for a son.” Described as the worst pupil in the school, Rodin failed three times to secure admittance to the school of art. His uncle called him uneducable.

Babe Ruth, considered by sports historians to be the greatest athlete of all time and famous for setting the home run record, also holds the record for strikeouts.

**Passage 2**  
**Glory Road excerpt**

**INT. PRESIDENT’S OFFICE – TEXAS  
WESTERN UNIVERSITY – DAY**

DR. RAY, college president, sits with George McCarty, the University’s Athletic Director, [11] facing a neatly combed Haskins.

**DR. RAY**

[12] I’m kind of pleased to hear you’re interested in the coaching job, Mr. Haskins. The Texas Athletic Association recommended we take a look at you. McCarty here caught your last championship game. [13] He says you’re a winner.

**HASKINS**

Yes, sir. I sure appreciate that.

**DR. RAY**

We’re a small school and we can’t pay very much. You’d have to live in [14] the mens dorm with your family. But you get free meals at the cafeteria. How’s that sound?

**HASKINS**

[15] If that’s what it takes to coach Division One Basketball, that’s all right with me.

**10. A NO CHANGE**

- B** The father of the sculptor (Rodin *The Thinker* statue) said,
- C** The father of the sculptor Rodin (*The Thinker* statue) said, \*
- D** The (father of the sculptor Rodin ) *The Thinker* statue said,

**Correct use of parentheses**

**11. A NO CHANGE \***

- B** facing a neatly combed, Haskins.
- C** facing a neatly comb Haskins.
- D** facing a neatly, combed Haskins.

**Correct use of commas**

**12. A NO CHANGE**

- B** I’m pleased to hear \*
- C** I’m sort of pleased to hear
- D** I’m super pleased to hear

**Usage: eliminate empty words (kind of, sort of, big, really)**

**13. A NO CHANGE \***

- B** He says you’re really a winner.
- C** He says you’re a big winner.
- D** He says you’re a very big winner.

**Usage: eliminate empty words (kind of, sort of, big, really)**

**14. A NO CHANGE**

- B** the mens’ dorm
- C** the mens dorms’
- D** the men’s dorm \*

**Correct use of apostrophes**

**15. A NO CHANGE \***

- B** If thats what it takes to coach Division One Basketball that’s all right with me.
- C** If that’s what it takes to coach Division One Basketball thats all right with me.
- D** If thats what it takes to coach Division One Basketball, that’s all right with me.

**Correct punctuation of adverbial subordinate clause**

**DR. RAY**

*(shaking his hand; smile)*

[16] Welcomed to Texas Western.

**INT. DON'S BUICK – Moving – TEXAS  
INTERSTATE – DAY**

Mary holds a NEW BABY. TWO SONS in back. They tow a cattle truck of their belongings to MARTY ROBBINS' "El Paso". The town sprawls [17] out in the middle of vast, desolate nothingness.

**HASKINS**

Baby, this is a step up. It's college basketball! We're in the big time now!

**EXT. TEXAS WESTERN CAMPUS –  
OUTSIDE MINERS DORMS – DAY**

Families drop off their kids with suitcases and hugs and tears as Don's Buick pulls up. Haskins gets out. A dark haired boy, JERRY ARMSTRONG, stands with his FATHER, a hard farming type.

**ARMSTRONG FATHER**

[18] How long you gonna waste your time, boy? [19] Playin' a kids game when you got your whole future right there on the farm?

**JERRY ARMSTRONG**

I made up my mind, Pa. [20] It's what I wanna do.

*Don notes it and walks ahead when he hears a WHISTLE and turns. Mary is surrounded by kids and suitcases. He turns sheepish.*

**16. A NO CHANGE**

- B** Welcoming to Texas Western.
- C** Welcome to Texas Western. \*
- D** Will be welcome to Texas Western.

**Consistent verb tense**

**17. A NO CHANGE \***

- B** out in the middle, of vast, desolate nothingness
- C** out in the middle, of vast desolate nothingness
- D** out in the middle of vast desolate, nothingness

**Correct use of commas**

**18. A NO CHANGE**

- B** How long are you gonna waste your time, boy?
- C** How long are you going to waste your time, boy? \*
- D** How long you going to waste your time, boy?

**Correct verb usage**

**19. A NO CHANGE**

- B** Playing a kids game when you got your whole future right there on the farm?
- C** Playin' a kids game when you have your whole future right there on the farm?
- D** Playing a kid's game when you have your whole future right there on the farm? \*

**Correct verb usage**

**20. A NO CHANGE**

- B** It's what I want to do. \*
- C** Its what I wanna do.
- D** Its what I want to do.

**Correct verb and apostrophe usage**