1. **Item Detail for Question 1**

**Acceptable -** Responses at this level explain that the phrase means fun is difficult to find/doesn't happen all the time/when it occurs, is precious.

**Unacceptable -** Responses at this level may repeat other ideas about fun from the article or provide personal opinions about fun.

1. **Item Detail for Question 2**

The correct answer is: C. are serious and reserved

1. **Item Detail for Question 3**

The correct answer is: A. try to find fun in all their experiences

1. **Item Detail for Question 4**

**Full Comprehension -** Responses at this level explain how the paragraph about television commercials relates to the author's main point about fun.

**Partial Comprehension -** a) Responses at this level describe the television commercials but do not relate them to the author's main point about fun.

OR b) Responses discuss the author's main point but do not discuss how the paragraph about television commercials relates to it.

**Little or No Comprehension -** Responses at this level provide irrelevant details or personal opinions or may simply repeat the question.

1. **Item Detail for Question 5**

The correct answer is:B. They are not as much fun as people expect them to be.

1. **Item Detail for Question 6**

**Extensive -** Responses at this level explain whether the childhood story does a better job persuading readers of the author's point than the other parts of the essay. Responses discuss the persuasiveness of both the story and other part(s) of the essay.

**Essential -** Responses at this level discuss the persuasiveness of either the story OR other part(s) of the essay but not both.

**Partial -** Responses at this level may state the author's main point about fun or may discuss the essay in relation to the author's main point, but do not discuss the persuasiveness of any part of the essay.

**Unsatisfactory -** Responses at this level may provide irrelevant details or personal opinions or simply repeat the question.

1. **Item Detail for Question 7**

The correct answer is: C. may be worried that they are not having enough fun

1. **Item Detail for Question 8**

The correct answer is: B. have great respect for fun

1. **Item Detail for Question 9**

3-level responses provide a plausible tone with support that is clearly and logically connected to the tone. They demonstrate understanding of the author's argument about society's view of fun.

2-level responses provide a plausible tone, but the support is not clearly and logically connected to the tone. They are partially correct.

1-level responses demonstrate misunderstanding of the author's tone and/or view of fun. For example, "She's serious about everything should be fun," or "She's persuading you to have fun."

**Full Comprehension -** Responses at this level describe a plausible author's tone/voice and explain that choice with an example from or a reference to the essay.

**Partial Comprehension -** Responses at this level may describe a plausible author's tone/voice but do not explain that choice with support from the essay.

**Little or No Comprehension -** Responses at this level do not describe author's tone/voice. These responses may simply summarize the essay, or interpret the author's ideas about fun.

Or, responses provide irrelevant details or personal opinions or may simply repeat the question.

1. **Item Detail for Question 10**

The correct answer is: D. We should not expect everything in life to be fun.