8th Grade – “A Tremendous Trade” and “Gymnasts in Pain: Out of Balance”

I. Gymnasts in Pain: Out of Balance

1. An elite athlete is
   1. Coached daily
   2. One of the best
   3. Paid professionally
2. If you were going to preview an article, what is something you would read first?
   1. The footnotes
   2. The title
   3. The last page
3. A decade is a period of
   1. Ten years
   2. Ten weeks
   3. Ten days
4. The subhead “Legacy of pain” suggests the paragraphs that follow are about
   1. Gymnasts’ injuries that affect their later years
   2. Gymnasts competing in the Olympics
   3. Coaches doing what they can to prevent injuries
5. In this passage, a maneuver is a
   1. Clever poetry rhyme
   2. Skillful gymnastic move
   3. Healthy eating tip
6. When discussing how young gymnasts are coached the author’s tone is
   1. Curious
   2. Unconcerned
   3. Disapproving
7. If parents have high expectations for their children, they
   1. Want them to behave better
   2. Think they are lazy
   3. Believe they will succeed
8. Give one reason why so many elite gymnasts suffer severe injuries.

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1. Give one reason why the rate of injuries in gymnastics has doubled since 1966.

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1. According to the article, why do many gymnasts continue training even after broken bones and sometime almost daily abuse?

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II. A Tremendous Trade

1. “A Tremendous Trade” is mostly about
   1. The Yankees trade for the highest paid baseball player, Alex Rodriguez
   2. The debate over baseball player’s high salaries
   3. The Yankees all-star shortstop, Derek Jeter
   4. Both A and B
2. Which of the following is an *opinion* about Alex Rodriguez?
   1. His contract earns him $252 million dollars over ten years.
   2. His salary is too high.
   3. He used to play shortstop for the Texas Rangers.
   4. He is the highest paid player in the Major Leagues.
3. What is one thing, other than the subject of baseball, which you can learn about this text by previewing it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Give one example of **irony** is in this passage. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. What do some baseball franchises with limited funding want the league to do in regards to salaries? Do you agree or disagree with this? Why? (PLEASE LIMIT YOUR ANSWER TO THE LINES PROVIDED)

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16. According to the author’s **tone** in this passage, do you think he approves of the salaries that

baseball players make? Explain. (PLEASE LIMIT YOUR ANSWER TO THE LINES PROVIDED)

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