Eighth Grade – “Kamau’s Finish” and “The Bunion Derby”

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I. Vocabulary

1. A *financial* decision would be to decide to
   1. Go to the library
   2. Buy a car
   3. Do your homework
2. A *distracted* person driving a car is
   1. Dangerous
   2. Helpful
   3. Serious
3. If you insult a *dramatic* person, he or she is likely to
   1. Cry
   2. Ignore you
   3. Laugh
4. If supplies are *furnished*, they are
   1. Expensive
   2. Taken away
   3. Provided
5. What would a *promoter* do for a boxing match?
   1. Provide money
   2. Referee the fight
   3. Train the boxers
6. A person who is *grimacing* probably feels
   1. Pleased
   2. Pain
   3. Nervous

II. Comprehension “Kamua’s Finish”

1. Which sentence best describes what Kamau’s mother believes?
   1. Dreaming is important.
   2. Running is more important than school work.
   3. Effort matters most.
   4. Achievement matters most.
2. Which sentence best describes what Kamau’s father believes?
   1. School is more important than running.
   2. You must work hard to be president.
   3. Effort matters most.
   4. Achievement matters most.
3. What is most important to Kamau?
   1. Beating Kip in the race.
   2. Showing his father he can win.
   3. Showing his sister that he is a good athlete.
   4. Proving to his classmates that he is the fastest runner.
4. Why doesn’t Kamau want to finish the race?
   1. He knows he can’t win.
   2. He is hurt.
   3. He is ashamed.
   4. He is embarrassed by his father.
5. What lesson does Kamau learn from his father in this story?

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III. Comprehension “The Bunion Derby”

1. How did Andy hear about the race?
   1. His coach told him about it.
   2. He read about it in the newspaper.
   3. He heard about it on television.
   4. A friend urged him to enter.
2. The distance of the race Andy was running would be
   1. From Los Angeles to New York
   2. From Los Angeles to Chicago
   3. Across California
   4. A 24 mile marathon
3. Andy took the lead in the race for good when Peter Gavuzzi
   1. Got a bunion
   2. Wore out his shoes
   3. Quit the race
   4. Decided to walk
4. Choose the sentence that best describes the theme of “The Bunion Derby”
   1. Losing is okay if you put forth your best effort
   2. Hard work and persistence will help you achieve your goal
   3. It is important to win no matter what
   4. Treat your competitors with kindness