To the Democratic National Convention

Vocabulary

1. When soldiers are forced to *surrender,* they must

a. keep fighting. c. stop fighting.

b. run from battle.

1. Another word for *abandonment* is

a. peacefulness. c. grief.

b. aloneness.

1. If you are *nominated* for class president, you

a. become the class president

b. run against others to become president.

c. are not allowed to be president.

Comprehension

1. What were the circumstances of Jesse Jackson’s birth?

a. He was born in his grandfather’s home.

b. His mother gave birth to him in a free clinic.

c. He was born in a modern hospital in Greenville, South Carolina.

d. His mother gave birth to him at home.

1. On Thanksgiving, the Jackson family

a. ate leftovers that the mother brought home from work.

b. had a huge feast in the middle of the afternoon.

c. went to a relative’s house and ate a turkey dinner.

d. cooked a turkey that neighbors gave to them.

1. According to Jesse Jackson, suffering helps to build a person’s

a. family life. c. character.

b. friendships. d. career.

1. What is the subject of the following sentence? What is the correct verb? “Neither of the students (want, wants) to take the job.”

a. neither/want c. job/wants

b. students/want d. neither/wants

1. Identify the subject and the correct verb in this sentence: “Each of the girls (plans, plan) to attend the concert this weekend.”

a. weekend/plans c. each/plans

b. girls/plans d. girls/plan

1. What does Jackson’s phrase “the slum was not born in me” mean?

a. Poverty didn’t keep him from success.

b. He was not born in an impoverished area.

c. He has had an easy life.

1. Jackson repeats the words “keep hope alive” to

a. inform his audience about poverty.

b. remind his audience that he was adopted.

c. encourage his audience to keep trying.

1. What does Jackson mean when he says “I was not supposed to make it”?

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1. Why did Jesse’s mother go to work with runs in her stockings?

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