

Key Supplement

MD English Grade 8, Part I Grade Level Test

5. 3 points

Students should address Dorothy's relationship with the tin woodsman, Nick Chopper. Students should make a connection between her relationship with Nick Chopper and how that contributes to her open-minded approach to Tiktok, the Machine Man. Any other relevant points that can be drawn from the excerpt should be taken into consideration, as well.

9. 3 points

Students should have an understanding of what has occurred in the reading passage. Responses should include: the discovery of the door, figuring out how to open the door, discovering Tiktok, the Machine Man, and how Dorothy and Billina view Tiktok, the Machine Man. Any other relevant descriptions should be taken into consideration, as well.

17. 3 points

For the most part, the author remains unbiased. He neither firmly supports name changing, nor does he firmly reject it. At the end of the passage, his meeting with Submarine Carrot has left him curious, though. He questions how he feels about his name, and he wonders if any other name might fit him better. Any reasonable answer with an explanation drawn from the passage should be considered.

33. 3 points

The old man's appearance serves many purposes. For one, it contributes to the mysterious and creepy nature of the poem. It also performs a more concrete purpose. In the second stanza, the old man is described with these two lines, "His visage broad and parchment white,/Aglint with pale reflected light." The lines, when coupled with the first two lines of the third stanza, develop a suspicion that this man is, in fact, "the old man from the moon" as Jane calls him later. His description builds up to this key line in the poem.

42. 1 point

The "snooping" companies prefer to call banks because "banks train their people to be helpful." Students should draw on this line from the passage to derive their answers.