Directions

• Read all the directions for each question carefully and think about the answer.

• This Assesslet contains one passage and five items. Questions 1, 2, and 3 are selected-response items where you choose the one BEST answer. Answer each question by filling in the circle on your answer document.

• Question 4 is a constructed-response item. Write your answer on the lines provided on your answer document.

• Question 5 is an extended writing prompt. Use the scratch paper provided to plan your writing. Then, write your essay on the lines provided on your answer document.

• Be sure to write your answers in the spaces provided on the answer document.
Neighbors in North America

Summer break was fast approaching, and all Gabriel wanted to do was go surfing. Unfortunately, Gabriel’s parents had different plans. They planned to spend the entire month of July at their new home in Ottawa, the landlocked capital of Canada.

Gabriel hated to be surrounded by land. “Mom, can I just stay with Aunt Sue and Uncle Joe for the summer? I want go to the beach and surf every day with my friends.”

“Sorry, Gabriel, but no.”

Gabriel still couldn’t stop thinking about all of the water he was leaving behind.

When they arrived in Ottawa, Gabriel was surprised to learn that the main attraction with the neighborhood was the Centennial Flame. The flame is a symbol of the country's heritage and represents the nation's history.

He learned that Canada is large in area, but has only 32 million people, and while the United States is smaller in area, it has 285 million people. He also learned that Canada and the United States share a 5,500-mile border that stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean. Unfortunately, there was no beach in Ottawa.

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Gabriel couldn’t believe how extravagant the accommodations were. The boat had food, a game room, fancy fishing equipment, and plenty of people his age. There was even one girl his age who was the tour guide. He was impressed because she knew so many facts about Canada.

People gathered around as the tour guide explained some history. She spoke with a heavy French accent. Gabriel listened carefully as she explained.

Gabriel began talking with several of the people. He introduced himself to some other kids and spent time with them that afternoon, and they sat together for the fireworks. By the time the boat ride was over, Gabriel had new friends and had made some plans to see them again while he was in Ottawa.
1. Which sentence about going to Canada for the summer?
A. Summer break was fast approaching, and all Gabriel wanted to do was go surfing.
B. Gabriel hated to be surrounded by land.
C. Gabriel knew family time was important to them.
D. 

2. How do the _____ of Gabriel’s family differ in their plans while in Canada?
A. Gabriel’s mother had weekly events planned for the family but Gabriel’s father did not plan anything.
B. 
C. Gabriel’s mother planned events for the whole family and Gabriel’s dad planned something specifically for Gabriel.
D. Gabriel’s mother did not ask what the family wanted to do while in Canada but Gabriel’s father chose something everyone would enjoy.
3. What does the phrase ___ about their decision mean as used in the story?

He kept ___ about their decision.

A. They were difficult to understand.
B. ___
C. They would argue about the decision.
D. They relied on each other to make the decision.

4. Analyze how the changes in Gabriel ___ throughout the story impacted the theme.

Include at least two details from the story to support your answer.

Write your answer on the lines provided on your answer document.
5. Rewrite this part of the story using more descriptive details.

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"That's my favourite Games event!" his father announced. The part of the event for the West Block's outdoor sports. We could hear a ruckus of excitement, cries, and cheers all along the event! I thought it would be the most crowded public event ever! But down the roots, the information was. I knew it’s to much but at least I get to see water.

Use the scratch paper provided to plan your writing. Then, write your story on the lines provided on your answer document.