Selection 1: Tomás and the Library Lady

Now answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on the story “Tomás and the Library Lady.”

1 Why are Tomás and his family traveling to Iowa?
   A to learn English
   B to go to the library
   C to see Papá Grande
   D to work in the fields

2 Read this sentence from the story.
   I would pour the last drops of water on my face.
   What does drop mean in this sentence?
   F a decrease
   G a piece of hard candy
   H a small amount of liquid
   I a distance straight down

3 Which words from the story have almost the same meaning?
   A cold, cool
   B eager, warm
   C huge, many
   D quiet, sad

Go On
4 Which sentence from the story shows that Tomás was nervous when he visited the library for the first time?

F Tomás stood in front of the library doors.
G He saw children coming out carrying books.
H Its tall windows were like eyes glaring at him.
I The next morning Tomás walked downtown.

5 Why does Tomás’s mother want to thank the library lady? How does she thank her? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.

Go On
Once inside the library, Tomás begins to feel less nervous because
A. he gets a library card.
B. it reminds him of home.
C. he likes the drinking fountain.
D. the library lady is so nice to him.

Why does Tomás smile when the library lady speaks Spanish to Papá Grande?
F. He thinks her accent sounds funny.
G. He realizes that she is going to give him a present.
H. He is sure that she will find a good book for Papá.
I. He is pleased that she is using the Spanish he taught her.

What is the sad word Tomás teaches the library lady?
A. adios
B. buenas tardes
C. libro
D. pan dulce

Which sentence BEST tells what the story is about?
F. Tomás makes friends with a librarian.
G. Tomás is hot and bored in the summer.
H. Tomás is amazed by all the books in the library.
I. Tomás entertains his family by making up stories.
How are the stories Papá Grande tells DIFFERENT from the stories Tomás tells? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.
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   (LA.4.1.7.4)

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   (LA.4.1.6.9)

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   (LA.4.1.6.8)
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(LA.4.1.7.2)

5 Why does Tomás’s mother want to thank the library lady? How does she thank her? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.

Sample 2-point response: The library lady helped Tomás check out books and talked with him. Tomás’s mother wants to thank the library lady for being so nice to Tomás. She sends the library lady pan dulce, sweet bread, to say thank you.

(LA.4.2.1.2)
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(LA.4.1.7.6)
How are the stories Papá Grande tells DIFFERENT from the stories Tomás tells? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.

Sample 4-point response: Papá Grande does not use a book to tell stories. He tells stories that he makes up or that he has learned over the years. He tells the same stories over and over. Tomás knows how the story about the man on the horse ends. Tomás tells stories from books. The library lady lets him borrow books, and Tomás reads from them to his family. He reads them a story about a tiger.