Now answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on the story “A Very Important Day.”

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   A. They do not like snow.
   B. They are too excited to sleep.
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   D. They come from places where it does not often snow.

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3. Read this sentence from the story.
   “Back outside with it before it melts.”

Which word means the OPPOSITE of melts?
   A. burns
   B. falls
   C. freezes
   D. softens
Selection 4: A Very Important Day

Name __________________________

4. Read this sentence from the story.

“There’s the courthouse,” said Kwame Akuffo.

What is a courthouse?

F. a building where a king and queen live
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H. an area marked out for playing a sport
I. an open space surrounded by a building

5. Why is this day so important to the people in the story? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.

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Go On
Read this sentence from the story.

**People poured in.**

The author uses the word *poured* to show that the people

A. are falling down.
B. are pushing each other.
C. come in together quickly.
D. have been waiting a long time.

This story is MOSTLY about families

F. going downtown.
G. dealing with snow.
H. becoming citizens.
I. taking transportation.

Which reason BEST tells why the author wrote about families from so many different countries?

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How do all the families change in the story?

F. At first they do not like snow; then they love it.
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(LA.4.1.6.5)

5. Why is this day so important to the people in the story? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.

Sample 2-point response: This day is important because today they will all become citizens of the United States. They have all come from other countries to make a better life, and today they are finally Americans.

Short-Response Rubric

| 2 points | The answer shows that the student completely understands the task. The response is based on the text and is complete, correct, and provides needed examples and/or support. |
| 1 point  | The answer shows that the student partially understands the task. The response is based on the text and mostly correct, but the information may be incomplete, too general, or lack support. |
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(LA.4.1.7.7)
How do family and friends celebrate and support the new citizens on their important day? What will everyone MOST LIKELY do after they leave the courthouse? Use details and information from the story to support your answer.

Sample 4-point response: The family and friends celebrate and support the new citizens in several ways. Some give presents, and some wish them well or say congratulations. Others come to the courthouse and give hugs, kisses, and congratulations after the ceremony. When everyone leaves the courthouse, the sun is shining. Someone says it will be easy to get home and go on celebrating. This means that they will probably all go to their homes and have a party.

Extended-Response Rubric

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