## Smart Start Packet: 8th Grade ELA Name : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ February 12 – 23, 2018

### Revising and Editing

**Directions** Read the personal narrative and answer the questions that follow.

### A Battle of Wits

* 1. April Fools’ Day has always been my favorite holiday. (2) I spend days in advance trying to think of ways to trick people. (3) My attempt to trick one of the teachers in my school backfired. (4) Let me tell you the story.

(5) I got to school early that day I wanted to be ready. (6) Stopping at my locker, I saw that Mrs. Black was already working in her classroom. (7) She had a good sense of humor I decided to make her my first victim.

1. With absolute seriousness, I walked into her classroom and said, "Mrs. Black, you left your car's headlights on."
2. I saw the strange look that she gave me there was understanding in her knowing eyes. (10) I think she knew what I was trying to do.
3. "I would like to know what makes you say that," she replied.
4. "Well, there's a new beige car in the parking lot with its lights on," I said. (13) "I think you have a beige car."

(14) She looked at me and let me continue trying to convince her ultimately though, she wouldn't budge. (15) Finally she told me that she had walked to school that morning, and I knew I had failed at my first attempt.

(16) I was temporarily defeated I went back to my locker. (17) Later that day, as I was walking to class, a teacher walked by me it was Mrs. Black. (18) Suddenly, she turned to look at me with a concerned look on her face.

(19) "Brent, I wonder if you have gone to see Mrs. Palmer yet," she said. (20) She wants to speak to you. (21) I knew that Mrs. Palmer—the secretary—was strict and unforgiving, so I hurried to see her. (22) My heart was pounding out of my chest I entered the office. (23) Mrs. Palmer looked up, smiling.

1. "I understand you wanted to see me," I said.
2. Mrs. Palmer looked puzzled at first she started to laugh. (27) She said that Mrs. Black had been thinking of a way to fool me. (28) Can you imagine how silly I felt? (29) I knew right then that Mrs. Black had won. (30) The experience with Mrs. Black taught me to think twice before playing tricks on others.

**Monday, February 12, 2018:**

**1.** Which of the following is the BEST way to revise sentence 5 so that it is no longer a run-on sentence?

1. I got to school early that day and I wanted to be ready.
2. I got to school early that day; so, I wanted to be ready.
3. I got to school early that day because I wanted to be ready.
4. I got to school early that day; therefore, I wanted to be ready.

**2.** Which of the following is the BEST way to change sentence 7 so that it is no longer a run-on sentence?

1. She had a good sense of humor, I decided to make her my first victim.
2. She had a good sense of humor, so I decided to make her my first victim.
3. She had a good sense of humor and I decided to make her my first victim.
4. She had a good sense of humor because I decided to make her my first victim.

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018:**

Review: Describe each of the three verb moods listed: (We worked on this at the beginning of the year.)

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Imperative: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Wednesday, February 14, 2018:**

**3.** Which is the BEST revision for sentence 9?

1. I saw the strange look, that she gave me, there was understanding in her knowing eyes.
2. I saw the strange look that she gave me, there was understanding in her knowing eyes.
3. I saw the strange look that she gave me there, understanding was in her knowing eyes.
4. I saw the strange look that she gave me; there was understanding in her knowing eyes.

**4.** How can sentence 11 be rewritten in the interrogative mood?

1. "Don't say that," she said.
2. "What makes you say that?" she asked.
3. "I'm curious as to why you say that," she asked?
4. "You should tell me why you say that," she replied.

**Thursday, February 15 2018: (2nd and 3rd (Know your World) – you are still responsible for today.)**

**5.** How can sentence 13 be rewritten in the interrogative mood?

1. "You have a beige car, don't you?"
2. "I wonder whether you have a beige car?"
3. "Please tell me if you have a beige car?"
4. "I would like to know if your car is beige."

**6.** Which of the following sentences is the BEST revision of sentence 14?

1. She looked at me, let me continue trying to convince her, and ultimately though she wouldn't budge.
2. She looked at me; she let me continue trying to convince her but ultimately, though she wouldn't budge.
3. She looked at me and let me continue trying to convince her and ultimately though, she wouldn't budge.
4. She looked at me and let me continue trying to convince her; ultimately, though, she wouldn't budge.

**Friday, February 16, 2018:**

**7.** Which is the BEST way to rewrite sentence 16 to correct an error?

1. I was temporarily defeated, I went back to my locker.
2. I was temporarily defeated, so I went back to my locker.
3. I was temporarily defeated and I went back to my locker.
4. I was temporarily defeated because I went back to my locker.

**8.** What is the BEST way to revise sentence 17?

1. Later that day, as I was walking to class; a teacher walked by me it was Mrs.

Black.

1. Later that day, as I was walking to class, a teacher walked by me, it was Mrs.

Black.

1. Later that day, as I was walking to class, a teacher walked by me; it was Mrs.

Black.

1. Later that day, as I was walking to class, a teacher walked by me and it was Mrs.

Black.

**Monday, February 19, 2018 – NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018**

**9.** Which is the BEST way to rewrite sentence 19 so that the quotation is in interrogative mood?

1. "Brent, please go to see Mrs. Palmer," she said.
2. "Brent, you should go see Mrs. Palmer," she said.
3. "Brent, have you gone to see Mrs. Palmer yet?" she asked.
4. "Brent, I would like to know whether you have gone to see Mrs. Palmer yet," she

**10.** Which of the following sentences BEST corrects the error in sentence 22?

1. My heart was pounding; out of my chest: I entered the office.
2. My heart was pounding out of my chest as I entered the office.
3. My heart was pounding, out of my chest and I entered the office.
4. My heart was pounding out of my chest, therefore I entered the office.

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – NO SMART START**

**Thursday, February 22, 2018:**

**11.** How can the quotation in sentence 24 be rewritten in the interrogative mood?

1. "Did you want to see me?" I asked.
2. "You wanted to see me, I think," I asked?
3. "I was told you wanted to see me," I said?
4. "I would like to know whether you wanted to see me," I said.

**12.** What is the BEST way to revise sentence 25?

1. Mrs. Palmer looked puzzled, at first she started to laugh.
2. Mrs. Palmer looked puzzled at first, and she started to laugh. **C** Mrs. Palmer looked puzzled at first then she started to laugh. **D** Mrs. Palmer looked puzzled at first; then she started to laugh.

**Friday, February 23, 2018 – NO SMART STARTS – PACKET DUE TODAY**