

SELECTION TEST *Student Edition page 243*LITERARY RESPONSE
AND ANALYSIS

The Emperor's New Clothes

 Hans Christian Andersen**COMPREHENSION** (60 points; 6 points each)

On the line provided, write the letter of the *best* answer to each of the following items.

- _____ 1. The Emperor spends all his money on —
- A his castle
 - B his soldiers
 - C new clothes
 - D a new theater
- _____ 2. The swindlers claim that clothes made with their special cloth are —
- F invisible to those who are stupid or unfit for office
 - G the latest fashion from Paris
 - H in demand by kings and queens all over the world
 - J cheaper than other clothes
- _____ 3. The Emperor sends an honest minister and an honest official to visit the swindlers in order to —
- A judge how the cloth looks and how the work is going
 - B find out if they are stupid or unfit for office
 - C arrest the swindlers and close the workshop
 - D invite the swindlers to a dance in their honor
- _____ 4. How do the people in town react when they view the work of the weavers?
- F They join the weavers and also receive money from the Emperor.
 - G They scream at the weavers and accuse them of lying.
 - H They pay the weavers money to weave them fine clothes as well.
 - J They lie and pretend to see something so that they don't appear stupid.
- _____ 5. Why is the Emperor so upset when he views the cloth with his councilors?
- A He doesn't feel well and won't be able to show off his clothing.
 - B He knows his councilors are lying to him.
 - C He can't see anything and thinks that he may be unfit for office.
 - D The weavers ask for more gold, and the Emperor doesn't have any.
- _____ 6. What is the Emperor actually wearing when he walks in the procession?
- F His underwear
 - G Nothing at all
 - H His bathrobe
 - J Clothes made of silk and gold

- _____ 7. At first, the citizens greet the Emperor in his special suit of clothes by —
- A laughing and pointing
 - B exclaiming their approval
 - C stoning the swindlers
 - D giving the swindlers a medal
- _____ 8. Who exposes the truth and the swindlers' scam?
- F The prime minister
 - G A woman from another town
 - H A little child
 - J The Emperor's wife
- _____ 9. What does the Emperor do after everyone cries that "he has nothing on"?
- A He runs away.
 - B He orders the soldiers to seize the swindlers.
 - C He continues with the procession.
 - D He hides behind a wagon.
- _____ 10. Which of the following *best* explains why the Emperor acts as he does at the end of the story?
- F He is vain and wants everyone to continue to look at him.
 - G He is angry and will prove that everyone is wrong.
 - H He is sad and regrets that he gave the swindlers so much money.
 - J He is proud and won't show any sign of weakness.

LITERARY FOCUS (20 points; 5 points each)

On the line provided, write the letter of the *best* answer to each of the following items.

- _____ 11. One theme of this story is —
- A Emperors are very easy to fool and deceive.
 - B Vanity can make you do foolish things.
 - C Don't trust people who sell invisible clothes.
 - D Sometimes kids say things even though they shouldn't.
- _____ 12. Which theme is conveyed through the child at the story's conclusion?
- F People may lie in order not to seem foolish.
 - G Honest people can always be trusted to tell the truth.
 - H Never trust a stranger.
 - J Children always tell the truth.

13. All of the following actions convey the theme that people never want to appear foolish in front of others *except* —

- A the honest official lies and pretends that he sees a beautiful piece of cloth
- B the Emperor keeps marching in his procession
- C the swindlers keep showing their invisible work to others
- D the Emperor is scared to admit that he doesn't see anything on the looms

14. The themes in this story reveal truths about —

- F human nature
- G the wealth of an emperor
- H the status of servants to the Emperor
- J a child's need to be educated

CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE (20 points)

15. This story contains different lessons or themes. What do you think the main theme of the story is? How do the characters, their actions, and images from the story convey this theme? On a separate piece of paper, write a paragraph that explains your answer. Support your ideas with details from the story.