Directions: Choose the BEST answer for each question. Write your answer choice on the line.

_____ 1. A theme expressed in this story centers on-
   A. survival at any cost.
   B. be kind to others, you never know when you will need them.
   C. hope and love will solve all problems.
   D. act first, think later.

_____ 2. “At the very last moment she reached into a pile of rags on the shelf where she slept and pulled out a walnut-size piece of bread...pressed the bread into my hand, and pushed me out the door.” (Page 118) The reader can infer from this sentence-
   A. Leon’s mother was a thief.
   B. Leon’s mother was only looking out for herself.
   C. Leon’s mother was willing to sacrifice herself for Leon.
   D. Leon’s mother was hoarding food to be used later for bartering.

_____ 3. “We were ordered to count the lashes as we were whipped.” (Page 121) The significance of this sentence was to show the reader all of the following except-
   A. the strength Leon had developed during his ordeal.
   B. the importance of showing the Jews who was in charge at Plaszów.
   C. the how cruel the Germans were.
   D. the necessity for punishment in the camp.

Use the following to answer questions 4-6.

“Trying to hold it together, not yet fifteen years old, I had finally cracked. I desperately needed his sympathy, but he offered none. He showed not a flicker of emotion when I arrived or when finally blurted out my story. Instead, he remained silent, his face hardened and his jaw clenched.” (Page 122)

_____ 4. His father’s refusal to react to Leon’s experience demonstrates-
   A. how callous his father had become.
   B. his father’s inability to protect his son due to the situation.
   C. his father’s displeasure at seeing his son act immaturesly.
   D. his father’s dislike for Leon’s behavior.

_____ 5. You could best describe Leon’s father as-
   A. uncaring.  
   B. doting.  
   C. helpless.  
   D. jubilant.

_____ 6. The author included this example as a way for the reader to-
   A. understand the helplessness experienced by the Jews. 
   B. imagine the daily life of young Jews in the camp. 
   C. convey the urgency the Jews felt for freedom. 
   D. show the lengths the German soldiers went to cause pain and suffering.

_____ 7. Which of the following describe Schindler’s character best?
   A. Greedy  
   B. Remorseful  
   C. Selfless  
   D. Materialist

_____ 8. Which of the following sentences clearly shows the cowardice of the German soldiers?
   A. Senior Nazis came through periodically and inspected our work.
B. By that time German officers and soldiers were fleeing, doing their utmost to avoid capture by the rapidly approaching Soviet army.
C. Next we had a “medical checkup,” which consisted of our running in circles past Nazi inspectors.
D. SS guards, as frightening as the officer who had recently grunted me into the Schindler group, stood sentry at the entrance.

9. “When I think of all his many actions as a rescuer, big and small, it is this one act that first comes to mind; I think perhaps because it demonstrates such extraordinary compassion.” (Page 147)
The author uses this example to explain-
A. the depth of antagonism Leon felt toward Schindler.
B. the complex nature that existed between Schindler and the Jews.
C. Leon’s respect and gratitude towards Schindler.
D. Schindler’s lack of empathy towards the Jews he employed.

10. “Still naked, we were assembled and processed like items of cargo.” (Page 154) After reading this sentence, the reader is expected to make the following comparison-
A. the Jews were treated like livestock on the way to the slaughterhouse.
B. the Nazis believed the fittest would survive.
C. the Jews were treated like animals in a zoo.
D. the Nazis were treating the Jews like expensive merchandise.

***NOTE*** There is plenty of room for you to write-- this a hint as to how thorough your response should be!

11. After reading about the treatment of the Jews, how do you think non-Jews justified their actions (or lack of action) both during and after the war? Explain why those who did not agree with the treatment of Jews chose not to express their disagreement. Use text evidence to support your answer.
1. B
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A
6. D
7. C
8. A
9. A
10. D