# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Packet 11 ELA and Math Answer Keys

- 1. What is Vallivue Virtual Academy?
  - A. a private school in Glencoe, Illinois
  - B. a charter school in Hopewell Township, New Jersey
  - C. a traditional public school in Caldwell, Idaho
  - D. a cyber school where courses are taught online
- 2. What argument is presented in this text?
  - A. an argument about prayer in schools
  - B. an argument about virtual schools
  - C. an argument about whether school should be year-round
  - D. an argument about what classes students should be required to take
- 3. Virtual schools are bad for kids.

What evidence in the text supports this conclusion?

- A. Virtual schools provide kids with more focused instruction than they get in a typical school.
- B. Virtual schools provide kids with more course options than they get in a typical school.
- C. Students who attend virtual schools can set their own schedules, which will cause problems for students who have trouble staying motivated.
- D. Attending virtual schools can prepare students for college and work after graduation by training them to work independently.
- 4. Virtual schools are good for kids.

What evidence in the text supports this conclusion?

- A. Virtual schools help students avoid the social pressures that can interfere with learning.
- B. If kids attend virtual schools, they will miss out on important social interactions.
- C. Virtual schooling puts stress on parents because they have to supervise what their kids do at home.
- D. A cyber school for students in kindergarten through eighth grade was launched in Caldwell, Idaho.

- **5.** What is the main idea of this text?
  - A. Students in Caldwell, Idaho, can attend class in their pajamas.
  - B. Students who go to virtual schools will miss many of the benefits of being in a real school.
  - C. It is important for students to learn to work in the virtual world.
  - D. There are various arguments for and against virtual schools.
- **6.** Read these sentences from the text.

"Not everyone gives cyber schools a passing grade, however. Some educators argue that online learning makes it hard for students to make friends. Many parents also feel that cyber schools put unrealistic time demands on them because they have to oversee their kids' daily work."

What does the statement "Not everyone gives cyber schools a passing grade" mean here?

- A. Not everyone approves of cyber schools.
- B. Not everyone has given cyber schools a test.
- C. Not everyone has attended a cyber school.
- D. Not everyone cares about students in cyber schools.

7. Read these sentences from the text.

"If kids attend school online, they will miss out on important social interactions. Payton Mcdonough, 13, a seventh grader from Glencoe, III., agrees. 'I don't know how I could sit at a computer all day without actually interacting with my peers and teachers,' he says.

In addition, virtual schools don't have enough structure. Students who take online courses can set their own schedules, which will cause problems for students who have trouble staying motivated."

What word or phrase could best replace "in addition" at the beginning of the second paragraph?

- A. First
- B. Also
- C. Instead
- D. In contrast
- 8. Why does virtual schooling put stress on parents?

Answers should resemble the following. Virtual schooling puts stress on parents because parents have to supervise the schoolwork their kids do at home.

**9.** What is different about the number of course options kids get in virtual schools compared to typical schools?

Kids get more course options in virtual schools than in typical schools.

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10. Using evidence from the text, make an argument for or against virtual schools.

Answers may vary but must be supported with evidence from the text. For example, students arguing for virtual schools may respond that such schools offer students more flexibility than typical schools. Kids in virtual schools get more course options and more freedom to manage their schedules. Students arguing against virtual schools may make the case that such schools harm both kids and parents. The schools make it harder for kids to form friendships by depriving kids of opportunities for social interaction in a classroom. They also put stress on parents who have to supervise their kids' schoolwork in addition to working full-time jobs and taking care of other responsibilities at home.

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