**Read the poem and answer the questions in the answer document. Only the answer document needs printed and turned in.**

**Caged Bird**

1 A free bird leaps

on the back of the wind

and floats downstream

till the current ends

and dips his wing

in the orange sun rays

and dares to claim the sky.

2 But a bird that stalks

down his narrow cage

can seldom see through

his bars of rage

his wings are clipped and

his feet are tied

so he opens his throat to sing.

3 The caged bird sings

with a fearful trill

of things unknown

but longed for still

and his tune is heard

on the distant hill

for the caged bird

sings of freedom.

4 The free bird thinks of another breeze

and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees

and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn

and he names the sky his own.

5 But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams

his shadow shouts out a nightmare scream

his wings are clipped and his feet are tied

so he opens his throat to sing.

6 The caged bird sings

with a fearful trill

of things unknown

but longed for still

and his tune is heard

on the distant hill

for the caged bird

sings of freedom.

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1. The significant difference between the two birds in the poem is that

A. one bird can sing and the other bird is silent.

B. one bird knows how to fly and the other bird does not.

C. one bird has opportunity and the other bird has been denied it.

D. one bird has held on to its dreams of flight and the other bird has not.

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2. What is the author’s purpose in describing the two birds?

A. to portray the two birds as being similar

B. to let the reader decide which is the better bird

C. to show that one bird is not superior to the other

D. to contrast the free and the caged bird

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3. “But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage can seldom see through his bars of rage” (stanza 2) Which sentence below accurately describes the effect of the metaphor in the stanza above? It explains that the bird that is trapped may

A. break the bars that confine it.

B. not hope to see the outside world.

C. soon grow to accept the situation.

D. be consumed by its own anger.

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4. “A free bird leaps on the back of the wind and floats downstream till the current ends and dips his wing in the orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky.” (stanza 1)

Which phrase is closest in meaning to the word claim?

A. to take as one’s own

B. to wish ardently for

C. to work hard for

D. to explore a new territory

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5. According to the information given in the poem, the bird that stalks down its cage (stanza 2) is probably moving in which of the following ways?

A. lightly

B. grimly

C. joyously

D. indecisively

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6. Write an acrostic poem using “ The Birdcage”

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