

## Solutions for Rumack's Preparation Workbook Language Section: 3.5

### Speech Passage 1

1. The correct answer is (E) his daughter. Although the word daughter is used, it is in reference to the relationship between his own wife and her mother: "When you have a wonderful mother-in-law who takes sides with you in squabbles with her own daughter ..." This is not his daughter, but the mother-in-law's daughter, his wife.
2. The correct answer is (C) his retirement. He is thanking individuals from the sport of baseball reflecting on the highlights of his career, and mentions that many people "remember (him) with trophies." The word "remember" implies that he will be leaving.
3. The correct answer is (E) I, II, and III. The support for statement 'I' and 'III' is "I have been in ballparks for seventeen years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans." The support for 'II' is in paragraph three, when he mentions his mother-in-law "takes side with (him)," his parents "work all their lives so that (he) can have an education," and his wife is a "tower of strength."
4. The correct answer is (C) appreciative. The speaker's tone is one of gratefulness and demonstrates this by saying "I'm lucky" repeatedly, mentioning his family is a "blessing" and "the finest I know," and saying "I've got an awful lot to live for."
5. The correct answer is (A) in a stadium. The information in brackets at the bottom of the excerpt clearly states that the speech was given at Yankee Stadium.
6. The correct answer is (E) the support of his wife. The entire line that refers to the speaker's wife is as follows: "When you have a wife who has been a tower of strength and shown more courage than you dreamed existed — that's the finest I know. None of the other answer options mention his wife."

## Speech Passage 2

1. The correct answer is (D) it is describing the speech. The information makes clear the whereabouts that the speech was given, the occasion at which it was said, and by whom it was spoken.
2. The correct answer is (A) Charles Dickens. The information given at the beginning of the speech states this information, as well as the details at the bottom.
3. The correct answer is (D) suggest that people will find a way to garden anywhere. Dickens says, "Probably there is no feeling in the human mind stronger than gardening. When he follows with the example of the prisoner, he demonstrates a situation where gardening might be difficult but achieved through the "feeling in the human mind" mentioned previously. The examples following this one are also of different places around the world that gardening finds a way to exist.
4. The correct answer is (D) unending. "Cease" and "end" both mean to stop, and so "unceasing" and "unending" mean without stopping. As the passage is about people's passion for gardening, it is logical that the mechanic tending to the bean would "watch it and tend to it with" interest that doesn't stop.
5. The correct answer is (E) vast and beautiful gardens have the most value. Dickens mentions that he feels, "an unbounded and delightful interest in all the purposes and associations of gardening." This shows Dickens considers all attempts at gardening to have purpose and value, and he doesn't mention a preference for one over another.
6. The correct answer is (B) ardent. The term ardent can be defined as, "characterized by warmth of feeling typically expressed in eager zealous support or activity." The entire speech is in strong support gardening.

### Speech Passage 3

1. The correct answer is (B) vote. In the introduction the general topic of women's rights is mentioned but the topic becomes narrowed to women's right to vote when the author writes, "Perhaps she knew as much about voting as I." This final line of the introduction is a lead in to discussing the topic of women getting the vote, in more detail. The information at the bottom identifies the speech as "Votes for Women Speech by Mark Twain."
2. The correct answer is (D) intelligent. This is clear when he describes her as having "admirable intellect.." in the introduction.
3. The correct answer is (C) the city would be better. The speaker states, "If all the women in this town had a vote today...they would rise in their might and change the awful state of things now existing here." It can be inferred that this change would be for the better, thus making the city better.
4. The correct answer is (E) suggest that the ballot has power. A whiplash is the result of a strong whipping action, which suggests strength, or power. Power is needed to "make the laws," so referring to the vote as a whiplash shows the strength or power the vote carries.
5. The correct answer is (A) respectful. Throughout the passage the speaker is mentioning admirable qualities in women, and the positive outcomes that would follow from them voting. The line that most demonstrates the speaker's attitude is the following: "If all the women in this town had a vote today they would elect a mayor at the next election, and they would rise in their might and change the awful state of things now existing here."
6. The correct answer is (A) in his lifetime. The sentence which indicates this is "but if I should live twenty-five years longer - and there is no reason why I shouldn't - I think I'll see women handle the ballot." This implies he will be living in the years when women get the vote.

7. The correct answer is (B) women deserve equal rights and responsibilities. The speaker states, "For twenty-five years I've been a woman's right man." This implies he supports the equal rights of women. Though some answer options are related to ideas he has mentioned, they usually take the idea to an extreme. He does not state that women can solve ALL problems, or that they are MORE intelligent than men, or that ONLY intelligent women should have the right to vote.