**Text-Dependent Questions**

Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.

**1. PART A: Which of the following best describes the tone of the article?**

A. sympathetic and firm

B. curious and philosophical

C. excited and inspirational

D. frustrated and critical

**2. PART B: Which of the following quotes best supports the answer to Part A?**

A. “My questions are these: What is fair?” (Paragraph 1)

B. “I don’t dispute that challenges exist. I don’t even dispute that many have an

uphill battle due to the severity of the challenges they face.” (Paragraph 5)

C. “Stories such as this are all around us — they are not miracles, nor are they the

rare exception.” (Paragraph 6)

D. “Fair blends to a norm, and in doing so, it limits, inhibits, stifles, and restricts, all

under the guise of balance and equality.” (Paragraph 7)

**3. Which of the following statements best describes a central idea of the text?**

A. Fairness is a recent concept when it comes to governing and life in general.

B. Fairness is a subjective idea and is not a natural characteristic of life.

C. Those born into privilege are more likely to succeed than those born into

poverty.

D. Younger generations have no appreciation for the sacrifices made for them.

**4. What is the author’s most likely purpose for writing this article?**

A. The author argues for less government interference among the wealthy and the

poor, and for an end to welfare programs.

B. The author argues for parents to do less for their children so young Americans

can learn the power of hard work and overcoming challenges.

C. The author argues for greater recognition for hard-working individuals and

fewer awards for failing individuals.

D. The author argues for an end to the fairness mindset because it hinders hard

work and leads to an unhealthy sense of entitlement.