**Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

**1. PARENTHETICAL ELEMENTS** — Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

a) My cousin—a talented artist, painted our mailbox.
b) My cousin (a talented artist painted our mailbox.
c) My cousin, a talented artist painted our mailbox.
d) My cousin—a talented artist—painted our mailbox.

**2. VERIFYING MEANING** — Leo thinks **hesitate** means "rush." Which clue proves him wrong?

Ana **hesitated** at the edge of the cold pool, unsure whether to jump in.
a) at the edge b) Ana c) unsure whether to jump in
d) of the cold pool

**3. SPELLING** — Circle the correct spelling.

**appear + ance:** apperance appearence appearance appearanse

**4. ANALOGIES** — Which word completes the analogy?

thermometer : temperature :: scale : ___
a) ruler b) music c) fish d) weight

**5. SUBJECT / VERB AGREEMENT** — Underline the subject. Circle the verb that agrees with it.

There ( is, are ) a lizard and a beetle under the rock.

**6. PREPOSITIONAL PHRASES** — Underline the phrase that opens the sentence.

Behind the shady mesquite tree, our dog napped while the rest of us ate lunch.