

Grade 6—Targeted Standards Review—Week 3

Wife, mother, major: Third woman passes Army’s test to be elite Ranger
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1. Which of the following sentences from the article best supports the central ideas that graduating Ranger School was tough and that the army was wondering whether or not to admit women on a regular basis when Jaster began the training?
 - 1) The coveted badge, pinned to the sleeve of Jaster’s left shoulder, signified she had completed the difficult combat leadership course required to graduate from the Army’s Ranger School.
 - 2) She wasn’t the first woman to accomplish the feat: Captain Kristen Griest and First Lieutenant Shaye Haver were the first female soldiers to earn that distinction two months ago.
 - 3) “When Kris and Shaye moved on and I didn’t, that was by far one of the hardest days of Ranger School for me,” she said.
 - 4) “I wanted to better myself as a leader and I wanted to help the Army in this endeavor on whether or not we should integrate Ranger School and should I be here.”
- a) 1 and 2
- b) 1 and 3
- c) 1 and 4
- d) 2 and 4

2. Read the sentence from the article.

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Which option is the best definition of the word “coveted” as used in this sentence?

- a) desired
- b) decorated
- c) adorned
- d) complimented

3. Read the sentence from the section “Photo Spurred Her On During a Setback.”

Those three were the survivors as they moved from Fort Benning to the mountains in early July.

How does the word “survivor” affect the tone of the sentence?

- a) It conveys the importance of Ranger School.
 - b) It conveys the benefits of Ranger School.
 - c) It conveys the difficulty of Ranger School.
 - d) It conveys the dangers of Ranger School.
4. Which of the following answer choices describes two main ideas of the article?
- a) Ranger School was difficult, but Jaster completed it to help the military decide to open the school for other women.
 - b) Jaster thought that Ranger School would be easy, but she soon learned that it was more difficult than she thought.
 - c) Jaster thought about giving up because Ranger School was difficult, but Griest and Haver encouraged her.
 - d) Ranger School recently held its graduation ceremony, and for the first time several women graduated.
5. Which of the following statements is not supported by the text? Select the **three** that apply.
- a) Men in Ranger School did not treat their female counterparts as equals.
 - b) No women had graduated from Ranger School before Major Lisa Jaster.
 - c) Lisa Jaster’s children were unsupportive in her quest to complete Ranger School.
 - d) Lisa Jaster took 180 days to complete the Ranger course.