“The Good Deed” Quiz

Directions: Read “The Good Deed.” Then answer the questions below.

1. Which word BEST describes Heather’s attitude about reading to Miss Benson at the beginning of the story?
   A) angry
   B) joyful
   C) confused
   D) nervous

2. Which line from the story provides the BEST evidence for your answer to question 1?
   A) “‘She’s sight-impaired, you know.’” (p. 19)
   B) “She lived in the apartment building next to the Piggly Wiggly, a few blocks from my house.” (p. 19)
   C) “It would have sounded dumb to say, ‘I’m a Girl Scout, and she’s my good deed for the summer.’” (p. 19)
   D) “The thought of talking to Miss Benson scared me.” (p. 19)

3. On page 20, Heather says that Miss Benson’s voice “had a smile in it.” What does Heather mean?
   A) Miss Benson was laughing when she spoke.
   B) Miss Benson’s voice was friendly and warm.
   C) She could tell Miss Benson was joking.
   D) Miss Benson’s voice was unkind.

4. At the end of the story, how does Heather feel about how she has treated Risa?
   A) regretful
   B) calm
   C) proud
   D) confused

5. Which line BEST supports your answer to question 5?
   A) “‘How come you went off and left your brothers?’” (p. 23)
   B) “I knew it was me–snotty me–who’d kept her from reading out loud before.” (p. 23)
   C) “‘She’s got something of mine.’” (p. 22)
   D) “I snatched up the book.” (p. 22)

6. When George Saunders says, “As a goal in life, you could do worse than: Try to be kinder,” he means
   A) being kinder is a worthy goal.
   B) there are better goals you could set than being kinder.
   C) it is not important to set goals in life.
   D) being kinder is a poor goal.

Constructed-Response Questions

Directions: Write your answers to the questions below on the back of this paper or type them up on a computer.

7. George Saunders writes that he regrets the moments of his life that were “failures of kindness.” What was Heather’s failure of kindness? Use text evidence to support your answer.

8. How do Heather’s feelings towards Risa change over the course of the story? What causes them to change? Support your answer with text evidence.