

**A Mother in Mannville (page 59)****Selection Test**

**A.** Think about how the setting of this story influences the events. In the boxes on the left, write details from the story that reveal when and where the story takes place. In the boxes on the right, write notes telling how each detail influences what happens in the story. (8 points each)

Details of Setting	How It Influences What Happens
1.	
2.	
3.	

**B.** Write the letter of the best answer. This exercise is continued on the next page. (5 points each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. As she gets to know Jerry, the narrator is most impressed by his
- intelligence.
  - unusual skill.
  - strength of character.
  - physical appearance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What most confuses the narrator about Jerry's mother?
- how she got into financial difficulties
  - why she does not visit more often
  - how she could bear to give him up
  - why she decided to give him skates

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The narrator suggests that she does not explore the mystery of Jerry's mother because she
- a. does not want to upset Jerry.
  - b. becomes distracted by her work.
  - c. is nervous about finding out the truth.
  - d. does not really care about Jerry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The idea that Jerry has a mother relieves the narrator's sense of
- a. responsibility.
  - b. curiosity.
  - c. loneliness.
  - d. disgust.

**C. Words to Know.** Write the letter of the best answer. (4 points each)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. People who make blunt remarks are most often
- a. insensitive.
  - b. lying.
  - c. overly polite.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which of these would be inadequate for taking down an apple tree?
- a. a bulldozer
  - b. a pocketknife
  - c. an axe
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If a police officer impels you to do something, he or she
- a. forces you.
  - b. helps you.
  - c. prevents you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. An instinctive reaction is one that is
- a. well planned.
  - b. dangerous.
  - c. automatic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A person who loves sweets would most likely find ecstasy in a
- a. diet center.
  - b. pastry shop.
  - c. dentist's office.

**D. Answer one** of the following questions based on your understanding of the story. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

1. At the end of the story, the narrator discovers that Jerry does not have a mother. What do you think she will do after discovering this? Use details from the story to support your answer.
2. Why do you think Jerry tells the narrator he has a mother? Explain.

**E. Linking Literature to Life.** Answer the following question based on your own experience and knowledge. Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper. (16 points)

Do you know someone who has real integrity? Do you think that it is important to have integrity? Tell why or why not.