**Applied Practice Reading Selection 1 for *Fahrenheit 451***

Read the selection from “The Hearth and the Salamander” from *Fahrenheit 451* which opens the novel and ends “’I’m Clarisse McClellan’” (pages 1-4) and choose the best answer to each question.

1. The metaphor used to describe the hose in paragraph 2 helps to create an impression of –

A. compassion

B. menace

C. amusement

D. weakness

1. Which of the following words could be substituted for the word gorging in paragraph 2 without changing the effect of the sentence?

A. consuming

B. nibbling

D. swallowing

E. devouring

1. From the description of Montag in paragraphs 5 through 7, Montag could best be characterized as –

A. anxious

B. assured

C. reckless

D. inattentive

1. Read the following dictionary entry.

**fix** (fiks). V., **fixed, fix-ing**. **1.**to attach or place permanently. **2.** to direct (the eyes, attention, etc.) steadily. **3.** to repair or mend. **4.** to place (responsibility, blame, etc.) on a person.

Which definition best matches the meaning of the word fixed as it is used in paragraph 11?

F. definition 1

G. definition 2

H. definition 3

J. definition 4

1. Montag uses a metaphor to describe the smell of kerosene in order to show that he –

A. thinks his wife’s aversion to the smell is unjustified

B. resents Clarisse’s insinuation that the smell is unpleasant

C. enjoys his job as a fireman

D. has an unusual sense of smell that helps him succeed in his job

1. From information presented in paragraph 19, it is apparent that Montag senses that Clarisse –

A. disapproves of his profession

B. intends to rob him

C. is someone he can trust

D. is an unusually keen observer

1. The climax of this selection occurs when –

A. Montag slows down

B. Montag turns the corner

C. Clarisse realizes that Montag is a fireman

D. Clarisse tells Montag her name

1. What is the primary way the author builds the feeling of suspense in paragraph 8? Support your answer with evidence from the selection.