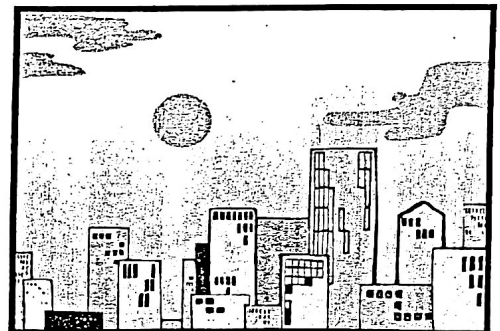


## Cumulative Assessment

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

### Early Rising

- When I wake up  
the sun is still asleep  
(Mom and Dad are asleep too)  
I tell myself
- 5 I have schoolwork:  
a project a report some math problems...  
I tell myself I have to keep myself ahead  
But really  
I'm up this early
- 10 because I like to see the sun wake up  
Early times like this  
are when the sun shows off its colors  
its red and yellow and even pink
- Sun, you are the flag  
15 of the universe  
I salute you by raising my blinds  
I salute you a second time  
by opening my window  
Even though
- 20 you can't salute me back  
it is enough  
that you shine over me  
and everyone else  
all day long
- 25 I could go back to sleep  
But why?  
You'll keep me company  
won't you?



1. Which of the following BEST states the theme of this poem?

- A. Morning is the best time for hard work.
- B. It is sensible to wake up early.
- C. It is best not to oversleep.
- D. Waking up is a meaningful experience.

2. Which of the following is the analogy in this poem?

- A. The speaker's attitude toward the sun is equivalent to a citizen's attitude toward the flag.
- B. The sun, when it is asleep, is like a sleeping child.
- C. The speaker's relationship with the sun is like the relationship of two very close friends.
- D. The speaker is to the sun as a soldier is to a general.

3. When does this poem take place?

- A. early afternoon
- B. late morning
- C. at dawn
- D. at dusk

4. Read the following statement about the passage.

**The speaker feels best in the morning.**

Which of the following lines from the poem BEST supports this statement?

- A. I salute you a second time
- B. I'm up this early/because I like to see the sun wake up
- C. You'll keep me company
- D. I tell myself/I have schoolwork:

5. What is the difference between stanza 1 and stanza 2 of this poem? Use examples from the poem in your answer.

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