Spare Parts

Summer Assignment

Spanish I-IV

For your summer assignment, you can either read the book:

*Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream Paperback*

- ISBN-10: 0374534985

Or watch the movie:

*Spare Parts – starring George Lopez (Actor), Esai Morales (Actor)  Rated: PG-13 (Parental Guidance Suggested) Format: DVD*

The movie came out this year and is readily available in most places. It is also available on Redbox, should you decide to rent it.

After reading the book or watching the movie, you should complete the questions on your summer packet. Your packet consists of three parts:

**Part 1: Spare Parts Guide:** Fill-in the blanks with the missing words and answer all multiple choice questions.

**Part 2: Open-ended Questions:** Choose 5 questions and answer them in English.

**Part 3: Composition:** Choose the level corresponding to the Spanish class you just took this year and write a composition in Spanish. The length and content of your composition will vary according to the level you took this year. An excellent online dictionary is wordreference.com. Do not use Google Translate!
1. What competition does Oscar hear about at Armed Forces Career Center?
2. Which important document is Oscar missing in order to enlist E3?
   a. Credit Card
   b. Birth Certificate
   c. Dog tags
   d. Social Security Card
3. Oscar’s mom is proud of him because she believes that he has enlisted in the ________________.
4. Why does the new teacher, Fredi Cameron say he wants to teach? He says it is to ________________ young ________________.
5. Lorenzo charges Mr. Cameron ____________ to fix his car.
   a. $100
   b. $25
   c. $20
   d. $50
6. Why do the books get locked up?
7. What would they have to build to win?
   a. Remote Access Vehicle
   b. Remote Control Car
   c. Remotely operated vehicle (ROV) that swims underwater
   d. Underwater Submarine
8. What school did last years’ winner attend?
9. In engineering, you build a __________________________ __________________________ first.
10. The video states that the ROV is going to have to be able to measure _______________,
    __________________ and temperature.
11. What subject does Mr. Cameron tell Lorenzo could help him break into a car?
   a. Math
   b. English
   c. Spanish
   d. Geometry
12. Mr. Cameron asks the students if asking Ms. Out would be a __________________________ ______________________, then he will do it.

13. Oscar puts on his ROTC uniform after seeing a soldier get money with no problem from the credit union. They donate __________________ which starts and outpour of donations.

14. Lorenzo suggests that the team use the same motors used on ______________________ to use on their ROV.
   a. Cars
   b. Trucks
   c. Boats
   d. Lawnmowers

15. Does Mr. Cameron take the job offer that he receives or does he stay and teach?

16. What do they name their ROV?

17. Putting a ______________________ on Stinky made it work underwater.

18. Why did Oscar sleep on the school bathroom floor?

19. Mr. Cameron’s daughter ______________________ was __________________ years old.

20. The team travels to ______________________ for the competition.
   a. Texas
   b. Arizona
   c. California
   d. Florida

21. Do they enter the high school or college division?

22. Who ends up going to purchase the “small and really absorbent” item to plug up the leak Stinky has?
   a. Oscar
   b. Lorenzo
   c. Luis
   d. Fredi

23. How long has it been since Lorenzo has seen his mom? ____________ years

24. What does the back of the shirt that Karla gives the team say?

25. The mission test is worth _________% of the score.
   a. 50
   b. 25
   c. 75
   d. 70
26. Teams must complete the first task within ____________ seconds. If they don’t and a diver goes in to complete it for them they will lose ____________ points.

27. Mr. Cameron tries to reassure the students by telling them they can make up points during the oral testing and Luis says, “_________________________ is not even our first language.”

28. What item do they extract that no other team was able to complete?
   a. Cookies
   b. Balloon
   c. Cake
   d. Rubber bands

29. Where does Mr. Cameron take them on a field trip? Why do you think this is important?

30. During the oral presentation, what item did they tell the judges they used that you would find in a swimming pool?
   a. Beach ball
   b. Pool Noodles
   c. Sunscreen
   d. Goggles

31. How does Luis define density?

32. How much money did Mr. Cameron donate at the hardware store?
   a. $2.00
   b. $153.00
   c. $134.63
   d. $500.23

33. What does “felicidades” mean?

34. What place does the team come in the Underwater Robotic Competition?
   a. 2nd
   b. 3rd
   c. 1st
   d. None

35. Who is Lorenzo surprised to see at the awards ceremony?

36. What does the judge tell Luis about Mr. Cameron donating the money?
PART 2 - OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS

Answer 5 of the questions below as detailed as you can. You may use English.

1. What did the Carl Hayden team discover about the importance of imagination and creativity, in engineering and in life?

2. What solutions does SPARE PARTS present for helping teenagers excel in school and build healthy friendships? What can we learn from the robotics team about reaching out to at-risk youth?

3. Did SPARE PARTS change the way you see America’s immigration controversy? If you could re-write the nation’s immigration policies, what changes would you make (if any)?

4. What makes the book’s title a good metaphor for the boys’ community? How are the students affected as their robot, Stinky, comes to life in the Scuba Sciences pool?

5. Discuss the role of education in society. Manuela tells Joshua Davis that the fees for attending public schools in Mexico were small but sometimes hard to meet. How does a free education contribute to a free society? Should the curriculum include bilingual instruction?

6. How did you react to Oscar’s story? What did his journey reveal about true patriotism?

7. What did it take for Lorenzo to turn his back on his cousins’ gang?

8. Cristian could not continue attending Arizona State University after Proposition 300 was enacted; his tuition quadrupled, totaling more than $50,000 to complete his degree. Should America invest more in students who want to study STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)?

9. Has your community been affected by the recent surge in young immigrants from Central America? How does their immigration story compare to your family’s?

PART 3 - COMPOSITION

Look at the level corresponding to the Spanish class you just took this year and write a composition in Spanish.

1. SPANISH I – write about yourself, your family origins, how you feel about the movie and why. (2 paragraphs)

2. SPANISH II – write about your family heritage, how the movie relates to our community and your thoughts about the movie. (2 paragraphs)

3. SPANISH III CP – write a synopsis about the movie. Compare their reality to the reality of our community. Share your thoughts about the movie. (3 paragraphs)

4. SPANISH III HONORS – write a synopsis about the movie. Compare their reality to the reality of our community. Share your thoughts about the movie. Also focus an entire paragraph on one of the English questions above (questions 1-9) (4 paragraphs)

5. SPANISH IV CP AND HONORS - write a synopsis about the movie. Compare their reality to the reality of our community. Share your thoughts about the movie. Also focus TWO entire paragraphs on TWO of the English questions above (questions 1-9) (5 paragraphs)