

ANSWERS: week 2

English (Grade 10&11)

**Passage (how a young mother reacts to her baby's illness.**

1. (a) (unseasonal) frost (at night)  
(b) She chewed her gloves.
2. (a) endured  
(b) \*She did not want to bother the doctor (unnecessarily)  
  
\* She did not want to wait in a freezing / cold waiting room.
3. The writer / she is timid / shy / doesn't like to push herself forward
4. She takes control / changes it for the better / makes the writer feel empowered / gives the writer confidence
5. Octavia's temperature was too high / high enough to see the doctor
6. She thought:
  - The secretary would be angry
  - The secretary would tell her off / what to do
7. (a) Describe how Octavia was feeling: she seemed happy and well  
(b) Describe how the doctor was feeling: he knew / was afraid something was wrong
8. She thinks that the doctor isn't telling her everything / the full truth // she doesn't believe the doctor / she's not taken in / she's mistrustful.
9. She realised her child wasn't about to die / it may not be as serious as she fears
10. She realises:
  - everything before that day was pleasant.
  - Her life would be more difficult in the future.

11. (a) C (later)

(b) B (at risk)

(c) D (realization)

(d) A (amazed)

(e) C (gathered)

12. (a) Meaning: the writer was feeling relaxed / not worried about her baby

Effect: conveys a sense of peace / relief

(b) Meaning: crying continuously / her tears are running down her face / she can't stop her tears flowing / her tears are wet / small / round (like raindrops)

Effect: it stresses the extent of her tears / crying / comparing them to rain (on a window pane) makes it more sad / depressing / it makes us more sympathetic