

**Rain, Rain, Go Away (page 554)****Selection Test**

**A.** Science fiction stories often help readers see things in new ways. In the boxes below, write notes describing three ways in which the Sakkaros seem like ordinary people and three ways in which they seem rather different from their neighbors. (12 points each)

1. Ways They Seem Ordinary	2. Ways They Seem Different

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Lillian Wright thought Mrs. Sakkaro was strange because she
- had a very clean home.
  - listened to the radio.
  - always watched the sky.
  - never spoke to anyone.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. When the Sakkaros went to the park, they brought along
- a barometer and a radio.
  - raincoats and umbrellas.
  - cotton candy.
  - a picnic lunch.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. You can conclude that the Sakkaros worried about the weather because
- they came from the desert.
  - sunlight would melt them.
  - they did not own any rain gear.
  - rain would destroy them.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Based on the information in the story, you can conclude that the Sakkaros were
- very wealthy.
  - disliked by all their neighbors.
  - from Arizona.
  - aliens from another planet.

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A person who wants to console you tries to be
- irritating.
  - comforting.
  - humorous.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. A gifted student is
- naturally talented.
  - well-mannered.
  - quite talkative.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If you feel that a lecture goes on interminably, you think it
- is brief.
  - will never end.
  - is very interesting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Despite his anger, Juan maintained a semblance of
- forgetfulness.
  - calmness.
  - terror.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A person who puts on an affectation of interest most likely is
- honest.
  - embarrassed.
  - insincere.

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

- Imagine that the story was written from Mrs. Sakkaro's point of view. How would the story be different? Would the ending be as surprising? Use details from the story to support your opinion.
- Foreshadowing is a writer's use of clues or hints about things to come in the story. Foreshadowing also builds suspense. What events in "Rain, Rain, Go Away" foreshadow the disastrous end for the Sakkaros? How does Asimov's use of foreshadowing build suspense?

**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 think neighbors ought to make an effort to get to know one another, or should we all mind our own business? Explain your answer.