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**[*Little Things Are Big:* Text-Dependent Questions]**

***Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer.***

1. PART A: Which statement best expresses a central idea of the passage?
2. People need to remain guarded in unfamiliar or scary situations in order to protect themselves.
3. Puerto Rican culture stresses that people should be kind and friendly towards one another.
4. It is important not to lose sight of one's values in an uncertain situation, even when one is afraid of the outcome.
5. Little events can have big impacts on people but they rarely change how people act in the moment.
6. PART B: Which of the following quotes best supports the answer to Part A?
   1. “I remember one particular event. It was when? 1955 or '56... a long time ago... I had to catch the train back to Brooklyn” (Paragraph 1)
   2. “Courtesy is important to us Puerto Ricans.” (Paragraph 3)
   3. “I ran up the steps of that long concrete stairs in twos and when I reached the street, the cold air slapped my warm face.” (Paragraph 4)
   4. “If I am ever faced with an occasion like that again, I am going to offer my help regardless of how the offer is going to be received.” (Paragraph 6)
7. Cite text evidence that describes the relationship between the author and the woman on the train. Explain this relationship.

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1. PART A: What does the phrase “I buried my courtesy” mean as it is used in paragraph 5?
   1. He forever loses the part of himself that was polite and thoughtful and will never be able to get it back.
   2. He hides his courtesy from this woman and the world, fearing that they will take it from him.
   3. He resists the urge to help another and later feels mournful regret at the temporary loss of his polite nature.
   4. He realizes that he has lost his sense of courtesy long ago after coming to America, and he mourns its loss by burying it.
2. PART B: Which quote from the text best supports the answer to Part A?
   1. “And here I was, hours past midnight, and the white lady with the baby in her arm” (Paragraph 3)
   2. “What do I do if she screamed when I went to offer my help?” (Paragraph 4)
   3. “I failed you, dear lady... I failed myself.” (Paragraph 5)
   4. “Then I will have my courtesy with me again.” (Paragraph 6)
3. The author asks himself a series of questions throughout the passage. How do these questions develop or convey the author’s point of view?

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