

2011 Solutions

(M) Word Salad (I/I)

M1.

The most likely possibility is “my dog is in the school”. Other grammatical options include “my school is in the dog” or “the school is in my dog” (both quite improbable physically), or “the dog is in my school” (less likely for Charlie to refer to it as “my school,” since it's Jane's also).

M2.

Charlie wrote something close to either “our team beat Jefferson High” or “Jefferson High beat our team.”

M3.

Many of the words on this list carry negative sentimental orientation, e.g., “risible,” “awful,” “plague,” so it's likely to be a negative review. It's not entirely clear, as there are also some positive words, “cool,” and perhaps “pretty,” but there are fewer.

M4.

Two possible sentences are: “The dialogue was bad, and the special effects were not thrilling,” and “The dialogue was not bad, and the special effects were thrilling.”

Grading:

M1:

- a. 10/9 points
- b. 10/9 points (5/9 points for each sentence)
- c. 10/9 points (5/9 points for each explanation)

M2: 5/3 points

M3: 25/9 points

M4: 20/9 points (10/9 points for each sentence)

Total: 10 points

