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Period _____

Pre-Assessment Parts of Speech

Part A (43 points)

Directions: **BELOW** each underlined word, label the word with one of the symbols listed below:

Nouns = N
Adjective = Adj
Verb = V
Adverb = Adv
Pronoun = Pro

Preposition = Prep
Interjection = Int
Conjunction = Conj
Proper Noun = Prop

“Wow, what an unusual iguana,” Jason
whispered in awe. As a young man growing
up in Alaska, he had never seen such a reptile. But
here he was staring at the beast which sat two inches
in front of his nose. The warm desert wind pulsated a
beat all its own. And those pesky insects he tried to
beat away from his salt soaked skin only made them

dance even more wildly. Inside his cap, beads of sweat ran slowly down the sides of his burnt cheeks; changing course by the rough sand and beard stubble. His own blood coursing through his veins seemed to boil, slowly at first. A wave of nausea crept into his stomach. "I have to find shelter," he quietly admitted to himself. "Keith won't let me hear the end of it if I came back looking like burnt toast". His best friend, Keith, always gave him a hard time for being too much of a city boy. But as he got up off the ground, he heard a terrifying sound: a Rattlesnake was rattling her warning. His rattled nerves pulsed. It got worse. There was a cluster of snakes. And they all were on alert. "Uh oh, that's one strike against me," came his terrified

response. In a flash, he felt the first snake strike at his ankle, and then another on his shin. He managed to dance clumsily through nests of snakes. He felt such terrible pricking pains on each direct hit. Time was not on his side. The snake bite kit was in his Chevy 200 yards away. Could he get to it fast enough? He grabbed his aching leg, although never admitting the pain, racing toward his vehicle. He must hurry. The bite kit is in the back seat.

Part B (9 points)

Directions. Use the space below to finish the story in about one paragraph. Use each part of speech at least once. **Underline**

and label each word you are showing as a part of speech.

(YOU MAY EARN UP TO 3 POINTS EXTRA CREDIT FOR USING THE ITALICISED PARTS OF SPEECH MORE THAN ONCE)

___ Noun

___ Proper Noun

___ Conjunction

___ Adjective

___ Pronoun

___ *Interjection*

___ Verb

___ Preposition

___ *Adverb*

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Answer Key:

Words underlined *IN ORDER*

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Wow = Int
unusual = Adj
iguana = N
whispered = V
in amazement = Adv
young = Adj
man = N
Alaska = Prop
he = Pro
in front = Prep
beat = N
beat = V
salt soaked = Adj
skin = N
them = Pro

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dance = V
wildly = Adv
ran = V
slowly = Adv
changing = V
course = N
coursing = V
through = Prep
his = Pro
slowly = Adv
into = Prep
quietly = Adv
admitted = V
Keith = N
Up = Prep
Rattlesnake = Prop
Rattling = V
Rattled = Adv
They = Pro
Uh oh = Int
Strike = N

(con't)

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Strike = V

and = Conj

Chevy = Prop

it = Pro

although = Conj

toward= Prep

in = Prep

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