Point of View Test

Part I - Examples
Directions: read each text and determine the narrator's point of view.

1. "She doesn't want to go to the movies," said Cathy. I couldn't believe it. I responded, "But she's been talking about this movie for weeks. What could have came over her?" Cathy shrugged. I patted Cathy on the shoulder and went to find Kristin to talk to her for myself.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

2. Do you like going on international trips for free? Do you get along with a lot of people from your graduating class? If you answered "yes" to these questions, you may want to be a class representative for Fun Class Trips Inc. Here's how it works: you get 10 or more of your classmates to purchase class trips through the program and you get a free trip. Go to the website and sign up today. Remember, life's a beach!

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

3. Jill looked up at the principal with tears in her eyes and said, "I didn't do it, Mr. Barry. I can't tell you who did, but it wasn't me." Mr. Barry put his hands on his hips. "It doesn't matter, Jill. We found the spray can in your backpack. If you can't tell me a name, then you're going to take the fall for this one." Jill was now sobbing openly.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

4. Congratulations on purchasing the Biomoto Three Part Auto-Fan. You're going to love this product. To assemble the fan, find the base of the fan. Attach this to the support column using the provided screws. Next, drop the auto-fan mechanism onto the support column. When you hear the mechanism click into place, the fan should be secure.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

5. It was a dark and windy night when the traveller came to our door. At first we were afraid to open the door, but he kept knocking. Finally, I got afraid that he was going to knock down the door so I opened it. That turned out to be a mistake.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

6. The snowflakes were coming down in blankets. Heather tightened her scarf. It didn't keep her warm, but without it she would be freezing. She continued trudging through the blizzard until her phone started ringing in her pocket. She tried retrieving it but couldn't get her hands into her pockets with her thick mittens.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

7. "Look, you aren't going anywhere dressed like that. Get yourself back upstairs and put on something with sleeves," Dad said to me. I couldn't believe he was taking issue with my sleeveless shirt. I passionately replied, "Dad! Come on! It's like one hundred degrees outside. Boys don't even wear shirts. This is just sleeveless." He shook his head and responded, "Yeah, and your not a boy. Now go put on a real shirt." I stomped up the stairs and slammed the door behind me.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

8. Theresa thought to herself: *If I give him a piece of candy today, maybe he'll give me one tomorrow*. Then she handed Jamal the candy. Jamal took it without hesitation.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

9. Welcome to Funland Amusement Park! You are going to have so much fun if you follow the rules. Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times. Do not try to climb out of rides while they are in operation. Only eat in designated areas. Follow these simple rules and you should have a great time. If you violate any of these rules, you may be asked to leave the park without a refund. Now, that you know the rules, go have yourself a fun time at Funland!

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

10. Birds flew low in the sky. The sailboats rocked on the horizon as the waves crashed against the shore. I stood up and brushed the dust off of my pants then checked my watch. *5:54*. Collin would be here any minute. I hadn't seen him in so long. I wondered what he would say when he saw me.

a) First-Person b) Second-Person c) Third-Person

Part II – Definitions

Directions: Match the definitions to the terms. Shade in the appropriate bubble. Some may be used more than once. Others may not be used at all.

11. When the story is narrated from the perspective of "they"	a. First-person
12. When the story is narrated from the perspective of "we"	b. Second-person
13. When narrator tells the story of "he" or "she"	c. Third-person
14. When the story is narrated from the perspective of "I"	d. Fourth-person
15. When the narrator tells the story of "you"	