Worksheet

Capstone of an EAP Listening/Speaking Course: “The Last Lecture”

I. Supporting Details

1. What is Randy Pausch’s profession?

2. The lecture takes place in a _______________. (Circle the letter of the correct answer).
   a) high school
   b) university
   c) television studio

3. What audio visual technology does Pausch use to assist him during the lecture?

4. What illness is causing Pausch to die? (Circle the letter of the correct answer).
   a) pancreatic cancer
   b) heart problems
   c) brain tumor

5. How many years did it take Pausch to get a job at Disneyland?

6. How does Pausch show everyone he is physically strong at the time of the lecture?

7. What was the most wonderful thing Pausch says his parents let him do? (Circle the letter of the correct answer)
a) get a university degree
b) paint anything on his bedroom wall
c) let him play football

8. In one word, what does Pausch say his lecture is NOT about?

9. In one word, what does Pausch say his lecture is about?

II. Main Ideas

10. “Specifically,” Pausch’s lecture is about how to achieve ____________. (Circle the letter of the correct answer)
    a. money
    b. childhood dreams
    c. a good job

11. In one sentence, describe Pausch’s feelings about Disneyland when he was a child.

12. In one sentence, describe Pausch’s feelings about Disneyland when he was an adult.

13. Pausch says that although he is dying soon, he chooses what?

14. Using one word, what does Pausch tell his audience (“lastly”) NOT to do?
15. How does Pausch recommend we “Work and play well with others?”

1. ______________________________
2. ______________________________
3. ______________________________

16. What are the three parts to a good apology?

1. ______________________________
2. ______________________________
3. ______________________________

III. Expanding

17. Explain why the audience laughed when Pausch said his mother introduced him as “This is my son. He’s a doctor but not the kind who helps people.”

18. Do you like Pausch’s parents based on what he told us about them? Why or why not?

19. If you had children who wanted to paint anything on their bedroom walls, what would you tell them?

20. How do you think the audience felt about Pausch’s lecture? Use adjectives to describe the appearance of people in the audience to support your opinion.
IV. **Homework: “Last Lecture” Recommendation Oral Presentation**

Recommend Pausch’s “The Last Lecture” to international students in a five-minute oral presentation due next class which is our last class session. Talk about some of the arguments he made and whether you agree or disagree. Describe your feelings as you listened to Pausch’s lecture. How would you recommend his lecture to students around the world--and specifically to students in your country? You may refer to notes for a brief outline as you talk, but as with previous oral presentations you gave this term, do not write your speech.