Dudley

(1) He was the son of Zeus, a black stallion that served on the Jackson City Mounted Police Patrol. (2) His mother was Diamond, a white mare. (3) The colt had been bred for glory, and everyone expected him to become the finest horse the police force had ever seen.

(4) The birth had been eagerly anticipated for months, but observers in the barn that day were in for a big surprise. (5) The undersized colt that wobbled to his feet was nothing special to look at. (6) Everyone in attendance sighed. (7) The highly anticipated colt, dusty brown with an off-center white diamond on his forehead, was obviously a dud. (8) That’s how he got the name Dudley. (9) Since the patrol trained only the most promising horses, Dudley was sold to rancher Paul McGee.

(10) Life on the ranch was good, and Dudley turned out to be a sweet-natured and loyal horse. (11) He learned quickly and was great with kids. (12) Everyone loved him, but unfortunately, the good times didn’t last. (13) When the McGee family suffered financial losses, the ranch horses suffered, too. (14) Dudley got fat and lazy, but he never lost his lovable personality.

(15) Around this time the Jackson City Mounted Police Patrol announced its need for a new horse. (16) The patrol’s head trainer, Kate, began looking for candidates. (17) Searching the Internet, Dudley was found listed for sale. (18) In his photograph he appeared plain and overweight, but after reading about his fine breeding, Kate put him on the list for consideration.

(19) The next week Kate visited the McGee ranch. (20) Like everyone who met Dudley, she fell in love. (21) Although he was out of shape and had some bad habits, she brought him to Jackson City for the tryouts. (22) Dudley stood out among the candidates—and not in a good way. (23) He was the flabbiest horse
there, and his mane was shaggy and coarse. (24) Yet visitors to the horse barn were drawn to him, and he loved the attention. (25) With regular exercise and the diet was strict, Dudley grew trim and sleek, and he was able to make the first cut.

(26) As the days passed, Dudley’s performance improved, too. (27) The biggest challenge for patrol horses is staying sane when faced with distractions and disturbances. (28) The horses must follow orders regardless of the conditions around them. (29) Dudley did well and made it to the final test, where he would have to prove that he had the necessary concentration. (30) The McGee family came to watch the event. (31) First Dudley trotted through a screaming crowd. (32) Then he walked over crinkling plastic, swam in a pool filled with water bottles, and crossed a platform that tipped like a teeter-totter. (33) Dudley completed each obstacle in the course perfectly! (34) When he walked by Kate without turning his head to look at her, she knew that he had passed the test. (35) She started to cry with relief and joy. (36) The McGee family was crying, too. (37) It seemed that no horse had ever had so many fans!

(38) The next day, Kate led Dudley into a grooming stall. (39) A group had gathered for the special ceremony. (40) Every horse that joins the Jackson City Patrol has its mane clipped into a crisp, neat line. (41) Dudley seemed to understand. (42) He pawed one hoof, bobbed his head, and stood tall, fit, and proud.
1. What is the most effective transition word or phrase to add to the beginning of sentence 8?
   A. However
   B. Additionally
   C. After that
   D. In fact

2. Sierra would like to add the following detail to the third paragraph (sentences 10–14).
   
   There were no funds for quality food and no trainers to exercise the animals.

   Where is the BEST place to insert this sentence?
   
   F. After sentence 11
   G. After sentence 12
   H. After sentence 13
   J. After sentence 14
3 What is the most effective revision to make in sentence 17?

A Searching the Internet, she found Dudley listed for sale.
B She searched the Internet, she found Dudley listed for sale.
C Searching the Internet was where she found Dudley listed for sale.
D No revision is needed in sentence 17.

4 What is the most effective way to revise sentence 25?

F The exercise was regular and the diet was strict, Dudley grew trim and sleek, and he was able to make the first cut.
G With regular exercise and a strict diet, Dudley grew trim and sleek; he was able to make the first cut.
H The regular exercise and strict diet that caused Dudley to grow trim and sleek was able to make the first cut.
J With regular exercise the diet was strict, so Dudley grew trim and sleek; he was able to make the first cut.
5 In sentence 27, Sierra does not think that *sane* is the best word to use. Which of the following would be a more effective word to use in this sentence?

   A calm
   B friendly
   C reasonable
   D open

6 Sierra would like to add a sentence to bring her story to a more effective close. Which sentence could she add after sentence 42 to help achieve this goal?

   F As the son of Zeus and Diamond, Dudley was proud of his heritage.
   G The plain little colt had finally become the horse he had been bred to be.
   H He was ready to move back to the McGee ranch and be with his family again.
   J Dudley would never be the horse that people had hoped for, but he was still special.