

## Example 2

Read the poem and the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Have you ever spotted a colorful butterfly darting from one flower to another? Have you had one land on your hand or windowsill? Butterflies are quite wonderful. Long before they become creatures with wings, however, they are caterpillars.

They start their lives as eggs. When they hatch, they are very hungry. They begin eating. First, they eat the eggshell they came out of. Then they start chewing on the closest leaf. It is not long until they have eaten enough that their skin no longer fits. It is far too small!

Slowly, the skin splits. The caterpillars wriggle free. They already have a new skin waiting underneath. They may be bigger, but they are still hungry. They start eating again. They chew through many leaves. It is not long before the new skin is too little again. Caterpillars change their skin a total of three times.

When caterpillars are fully grown, they find a twig. They hang upside down from it. Once again, their skin splits. This time it covers them like a warm sleeping bag. The outside turns hard. This becomes the cocoon.

For weeks, or sometimes months, the cocoon is quiet and still. Finally, one day it splits open. The butterfly's head and legs come out first. Butterflies do not look very pretty yet. Their wings are crumpled and flat. After a while, they are able to pump blood into their wings. They start to unfold. The bright colors are seen for the first time. Butterflies cannot fly until their new wings dry and stiffen. As soon as they are ready, the new creatures spread their wings.

## Born to Change

Born hungry,  
You eat your first home.  
You keep munching  
And changing your clothes  
To make more room.

You grow and eat,  
Eat and grow,  
Until the time comes  
When you stop getting bigger  
And go upside down instead.

In an old pattern,  
You split one more time,  
Covering up in a blanket  
And beginning to change  
From long to lovely.

Time goes on—  
A quiet time—  
Until a special day  
When you come out  
As something new.

Wet and waiting  
For flight to come,  
You soar to the sky  
To live a short life—  
A matter of days.

Flying to backyards,  
Visiting briefly  
Pretty flowers,  
And then laying eggs  
To begin again.

2a The poem and the passage are both mainly about

- (A) insects.
- (B) cocoons.
- (C) butterflies.
- (D) leaves.

2b The passage calls the cocoon a "warm sleeping bag." What does the poem call the cocoon?

- (A) blanket
- (B) shell
- (C) pattern
- (D) flight



**2c** How is the speaker's attitude towards the butterfly in the passage different from the speaker's attitude towards the butterfly in the poem? Use at least three examples from the passage to support your response.

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