**7th Grade Review for Comprehension Test**

**“Magic and the Brain” pages 77-84**

**a. What is an anecdote? What anecdote is used at the beginning of the article?**

**b. What is personification? How does the author use personification to explain “neural adaptation”?**

**c. In the article, why do the authors think doing scientific study of magic can be a bad idea?**

**d. In the article, why do the authors think doing scientific study of magic can be a good idea?**

**e. What is the main purpose of the sidebar below line 119?**

**f. What is “overt misdirection”? How do magicians use it in the text?**

**g. What are neural processes and where do they take place?**

**h. What do neuroscientist study?**

**i. How would a cynic relate to others achievements? Give an example from your life.**

**j. According to the authors, how does the Great Tomsoni gain a “cognitive advantage” by performing a fake trick before performing the real one?**

**k. Explain how psychologist Daniel J. Simons tested the effects of inattentional blindness. What did his experiment show?**