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Reasoning With Textual Evidence

Directions: Read the passage below. Then answer the questions about the character.

Passage:

Jamal stared at the test in front of him. He didn't know the answer to number 14, but he saw that Ben, sitting next to him, had written it clearly on his paper. Jamal could easily glance over and copy it. He looked around - the teacher was busy at her desk. Still, he looked back at his own paper and skipped the question. "I'll come back to it later," he muttered.

When the bell rang and the test was over, Jamal handed in his paper. He hadn't answered number 14. As he left the classroom, he felt disappointed, but also proud.

Questions:

1. What choice did Jamal make during the test?
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2. What does this show about Jamal's character?

- a) He is dishonest
- b) He is easily distracted
- c) He has integrity
- d) He is lazy

3. Choose **two**-character traits that describe Jamal and explain why:

Trait 1: _____ Reason: _____

Trait 2: _____ Reason: _____

4. What is one piece of evidence that shows Jamal felt good about his choice?

