

The Cay
Final Test

1. Which of the following best describes Phillip's attitude toward Timothy at the end of the novel?
 - a. critical and angry
 - b. obedient and submissive
 - c. admiring and loving
 - d. disrespectful yet understanding
2. Which of the following is the best overall tone of this novel?
 - a. factual and formal
 - b. profound and serious
 - c. lighthearted and humorous
 - d. adventurous and touching.
3. Which of the following would not be a theme for this novel?
 - a. To be a survivor, you can never give up.
 - b. It's not how a person looks, but what's on the inside that counts.
 - c. The early bird always gets the worm.
 - d. We can overcome hardships and struggles if we try.

The sea, he told me, was smooth as green jelly.

4. What type of figurative language is used in this sentence?
 - a. simile
 - b. metaphor
 - c. personification
 - d. idiom

Everyday, I learned of something new that Timothy had done so we could survive.

5. In this passage, which of the following best describes the way Philip most likely feels toward Timothy?
 - a. jealousy
 - b. appreciation
 - c. joy
 - d. confusion
6. The point of view used in this novel allows the reader to _____.
 - a. really see the thoughts and feelings of Phillip because he is telling the story
 - b. really see the thoughts and feelings of Timothy because he is telling the story
 - c. know the thoughts and feelings of all the characters because an omniscient point of view is used
 - d. understand the parts of plot completely

7. An oxymoron is a type of figurative language in which two opposite words are put together for effect. An example is jumbo shrimp. Which of the following sentences from the novel contains another example of an oxymoron?
- Suddenly, a deafening roar swept overhead.*
 - The plane made another tight circle.*
 - A familiar silence settled over the cay.*
 - All the strength went out of my body.*
8. At the end of the story, we find that one day Phillip hopes to _____.
- find another cat just like Stew Cat
 - learn how to fly a plane so he can look for others who are stranded
 - find and visit the little island where Timothy is buried
 - write a book about how to survive on an island
9. Which of the following is NOT a conflict that Phillip faces while on the island?
- He must fight off wild dogs.
 - He must survive a hurricane.
 - He must learn to overcome his own fear.
 - He must learn to find and catch his own food.
10. Phillip's mother believes that black people _____.
- are different and live differently
 - are not as good as white people
 - have their place and white people have their place
 - all of the above

After I'd been officially reported lost at sea, she'd gone back to Curacao to be with my father. She had changed in many ways.

11. In this passage, we see that Phillip's mother has changed, just as Phillip has changed. When a character changes throughout a book, this character is a _____ character.
- round
 - flat
 - static
 - dynamic
12. Which of the following sentences from the book does NOT contain figurative language?
- Its engine was screaming.*
 - The rain was hitting my back like thousands of hard berries blown from air guns.*
 - The sea was beginning to reach for our hilltop, climbing the forty feet with raging whitecaps.*
 - He'd never gone to school and was working on a fishing boat by the time he was ten.*

In my world of darkness, I had learned that holding a hand could be like medicine.

13. What does this passage mean?
- Phillip is sick and by holding Timothy's hand, he will be healed.
 - Though Phillip is blind, having Timothy as a friend comforts him and helps him.
 - Holding hands unites people.
 - The palm of the hand gives off heat that can heal.

Forgetting for a moment, I yelled, "Timothy, they've come."

14. This passage shows Phillip's initial response when he sees the plane. It supports the fact that Phillip still _____
- believes that Timothy can see and hear him
 - cannot tell the difference between fantasy and reality
 - know how to survive on an island
 - thinks of Timothy and all they did together to survive

15. What did Phillip do after he realized that the people in the plane most likely did not see the smoke?
- He burned sea grapes to produce a black smoke.
 - He burned grass to produce a bigger cloud of smoke.
 - He gave up trying to use a signal fire and made a whistle instead.
 - He caught himself on fire so that he could be seen.

16. Which of the following is true?
- Stew Cat dies in the hurricane.
 - Stew Cat is killed by Timothy.
 - Stew Cat loses one of his legs in the hurricane.
 - None of the above

17. Which of the following is the biggest problem that the characters face in this novel?
- lack of water
 - fear of sharks
 - bad weather
 - overall survival on the cay

18. Which of the following events is most likely the climax of this novel?
- Phillip loses his eyesight.
 - Stew Cat is blamed for the bad luck.
 - The hurricane hits the island.
 - Phillip is rescued from the island.

19. This story is told in the first person point of view because _____
- one of the characters is telling the story
 - an unseen narrator is telling the story

20. This novel is _____
- fiction
 - nonfiction