## Week 1 Assessment

**Directions:** Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. "Hermit crabs like *frantic* children scamper on the bottom sand."

   In the sentence above, the word *frantic* most closely means:

   A. dead.
   B. fearful, but calm.
   C. frightened and excited.
   D. young and inexperienced.

2. Change Requires _____

   A. Action.
   B. Courage.
   C. Effort.
   D. Integrity.

3. For a living, Doc

   A. does nothing; he is independently wealthy.
   B. is a biologist who collects specimens to sell to other scientists.
   C. is a local handyman who lives near the docks.
   D. works for Lee Chong.

4. Hazel is best described as

   A. a hard worker, and future scientist.
   B. a stupid guy who doesn't talk much.
   C. a young man who likes to ask a lot of questions.
   D. Doc's best friend.

5. Lee Chong is

   A. a mysterious figure who scares the local children.
   B. one of Mack's boys.
   C. the bouncer at the Bear Flag.
   D. the owner of the local grocery store.


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6. Mack and the boys decide to earn money for Doc's party by

   A. collecting frogs to sell to Doc.
   B. getting temporary jobs at the cannery.
   C. stealing it from Lee Chong.
   D. washing cars on the streets of Monterey.

7. Place the following events in chronological order, in the order they happen in the novel:

   1. Hazel and Doc collect specimens at the tide pool.
   2. Mack and the boys decide to plan a party for Doc.
   3. Mack and the boys move in to Lee Chong's storage shed.
   4. Mack divides up the Palace Flophouse among the men.
   5. The guard at the Bear Flag kills himself.

   A. 5, 3, 4, 2, 1
   B. 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
   C. 3, 5, 1, 4, 2
   D. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

8. The phrase that best describes Doc is

   A. "Everyone who knew him was indebted to him."
   B. "Some people thought he was God, and very old people thought he was Death…"
   C. "The bums would not receive him socially."
   D. "Virtues and graces and laziness and zest."

9. The setting of the novel *Cannery Row* is

   A. Monterey, California, in modern times.
   B. Monterey, California, in the 1850s.
   C. Monterey, California, in the 1940s.
   D. Monterey, Louisiana, in the 1950s.

10. The word *inviolable* in the sentence "Each man had property rights *inviolable* in his space," most closely means:

    A. a purple color.
    B. cannot be broken or attacked.
    C. invisible to other men.
    D. violent.


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# Week 2 Assessment

**Directions:** Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. *Cannery Row* is told from a

   A. first-person point of view.
   B. third person camera view.
   C. third person limited omniscient point of view.
   D. third person omniscient point of view.

2. Frankie is

   A. a mentally challenged boy who hangs out in Doc's laboratory.
   B. Mack's arch-enemy.
   C. one of Lee Chong's newphews.
   D. the guy who is able to fix anything.

3. Frankie is depressed after

   A. Doc kicks him out of Western Biological.
   B. he finds out his mother is getting married.
   C. he loses his job at the cannery.
   D. he spills a tray of beer on a young woman.

4. Gay disappears when

   A. he decides he doesn't like Mack and the boys, and runs to San Francisco instead.
   B. he goes to get a replacement part for the truck, but ends up getting arrested after a party.
   C. he is attacked by a travelling salesman along the road.
   D. his wife comes to the Palace Flophouse to drag him home.

5. Lee Chong agrees to allow Mack and the boys to borrow the truck if

   A. Doc agrees to pay for any damage they do to the truck.
   B. Gay is able to repair it.
   C. they help him move to his new house.
   D. they pay him $10.


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6. Mack makes the Captain like him by

   A. offering him some of their jug whiskey.
   B. offering to sell him Lee Chong's truck.
   C. promising to clean up the mess the boys made on his property.
   D. treating his dog for a tick bite.

7. Mr and Mrs. Sam Malloy live in

   A. an old boiler on an empty lot.
   B. the nicest house in Monterey.
   C. the Palace Flophouse and Grill.
   D. Western Biological.

8. Out of gratitude, the Captain gives Mack

   A. a puppy.
   B. a whole barrel of frogs.
   C. his shotgun.
   D. the shirt off his back.

9. Place the following events in chronological order:

   1. Doc gives Mack some gas to get the frogs.
   2. Gay disappears.
   3. Mack and the boys catch hundreds of frogs.
   4. Mack and the boys set out on their frog expedition.

   A. 1, 3, 4, 2
   B. 1, 4, 3, 2
   C. 2, 1, 4, 3
   D. 1, 4, 2, 3

10. The author of *Cannery Row* is

   A. Ernest J Gaines.
   B. Gary Soto.
   C. John Steinbeck.
   D. Octavia Butler.


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# Week 3 Assessment

**Directions:** Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. "…she was entangled in that curious *enigma* which said the business was illegal and then taxed her for it."

   In the sentence above, the word *enigma* most closely means:

   A. engineer.
   B. envelope.
   C. puzzling situation.
   D. scam.

2. Everyone in town has the same question for the flag-pole skater. The answer is:

   A. "'He's really good at sleeping standing up.'"
   B. "'He's got a can up there.'"
   C. "'He wears two pairs of socks.'"
   D. "'He drinks his meals through a straw.'"

3. In order to buy supplies for Doc's party, the boys use _____ as currency.

   A. cats.
   B. frogs.
   C. IOUs.
   D. quarters.

4. In the sentence "The boulders show and seem to rise up and the ocean *recedes* leaving little pools," a synonym for the word *recedes* could be:

   A. concede.
   B. die.
   C. enters.
   D. retreat.

5. Who is Doc talking about when he tells Richard Frost "'I think they survive in this particular world better than other people'"?

   A. Dora and her girls.
   B. Frankie and his friend.
   C. Lee Chong and his family.
   D. Mac and the boys.


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6. The result of the party is

   A. deadly; there is a fight, and someone is killed.
   B. Doc decides to sell Western Biological because he's mad at Mack.
   C. great; everyone, including Doc, has a wonderful time.
   D. terrible; they have the party without Doc, but he has to clean it up.

7. Things get better after

   A. Darling almost dies, but recovers from her illness.
   B. Lee Chong offers to pay Doc for all of the frogs that were lost.
   C. Mack and Doc have a knock-down, drag-out fight.
   D. Mack decides to leave Monterey because he is so ashamed of what he did.

8. To collect octopi, Doc drives to

   A. Carmel.
   B. La Jolla.
   C. Sacramento.
   D. San Jose.

9. When gathering octopi at the reef, Doc finds

   A. a car that was driven off the cliff.
   B. a girl's dead body.
   C. a shark.
   D. nothing; he goes home empty-handed.

10. Place the following events in chronological order:

    1. Doc hits Mack.
    2. Doc takes a trip to collect octopi.
    3. Everyone on Cannery Row stops talking to Mack and the boys.
    4. Henri the painter is fascinated with the flag pole skater.
    5. Mack and the boys have a party at Western Biological.

    A. 2, 4, 5, 1, 3
    B. 4, 2, 5, 3, 1
    C. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
    D. 5, 1, 2, 3, 4


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# Final Assessment

**Directions:** Choose the letter representing the best answer for each question.

1. A word that best describes Doc and the gopher alike is

   A. inefficient.
   B. lonely.
   C. popular.
   D. unattractive.

2. *Cannery Row* is told from a

   A. third person omniscient point of view.
   B. third person limited omniscient point of view.
   C. third person camera view.
   D. first-person point of view.

3. Change Requires _____

   A. Integrity.
   B. Effort.
   C. Courage.
   D. Action

4. Doc prepares for the party by

   A. asking his friends to come dressed in costumes.
   B. doing nothing; it's a surprise and he doesn't know about it.
   C. getting extremely drunk before it even starts.
   D. putting away his valuables and ordering food.

5. Dora and the girls give Doc a

   A. really old bottle of wine.
   B. new record to replace the one Mack broke.
   C. beautiful patchwork quilt for his bed.
   D. a year of free visits to the Bear Flag.


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8. Frankie steals a clock and a statue because

   A. he loves Doc, and wants to get him a great gift.
   B. he plans to sell it and give all the money to Doc.
   C. he really likes it, and wants to have it in his house.
   D. he wanted to go to jail to get away from his mother and her boyfriends.

9. In order to buy supplies for Doc's first party, the boys use _____ as currency.

   A. quarters.
   B. IOUs.
   C. frogs.
   D. cats.

10. Lee Chong agrees to allow Mack and the boys to borrow the truck if

   A. they pay him $10.
   B. they help him move to his new house.
   C. Gay is able to repair it.
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11. Lee Chong is

   A. the owner of the local grocery store.
   B. the bouncer at the Bear Flag.
   C. one of Mack's boys.
   D. a mysterious figure who scares the local children.


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12. At the second party, Mack and the boys give Doc

    A. a cage full of cats.
    B. a car they bought from Lee Chong.
    C. nothing – they just threw him a great party!
    D. two barrels of frogs.

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15. The last chapter, where Doc recovers on the day after the party, is the _____ of the story.

    A. climax.
    B. exposition.
    C. falling action.
    D. rising action.

16. The phrase that best describes Doc is

    A. "Virtues and graces and laziness and zest."
    B. "The bums would not receive him socially."
    C. "Some people thought he was God, and very old people thought he was Death…"
    D. "Everyone who knew him was indebted to him."


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17. The result of the first party is

    A. terrible; they have the party without Doc, but he has to clean it up.
    B. great; everyone, including Doc, has a wonderful time.
    C. Doc decides to sell Western Biological because he's mad at Mack.
    D. deadly; there is a fight, and someone is killed.

18. The setting of the novel *Cannery Row* is

    A. Monterey, Louisiana, in the 1950s.
    B. Monterey, California, in the 1940s.
    C. Monterey, California, in the 1850s.
    D. Monterey, California, in modern times.

19. The tale of the gopher is a metaphor for

    A. Doc.
    B. Dora.
    C. Lee Chong.
    D. Mack.

20. The word *disembodied* in the sentence "The angelic, *disembodied* voices filled the laboratory," most closely means:

    A. beautiful.
    B. disturbing.
    C. embalmed, like a dead body.
    D. without a physical body.

21. Things get better after

    A. Mack decides to leave Monterey because he is so ashamed of what he did.
    B. Mack and Doc have a knock-down, drag-out fight.
    C. Lee Chong offers to pay Doc for all of the frogs that were lost.
    D. Darling almost dies, but recovers from her illness.

22. To make up for the disastrous party, Mack and the boys decide to

    A. catch him 500 more frogs.
    B. get him a really good date.
    C. help him pay to fix up his laboratory.
    D. throw Doc a party he will attend.


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23. When gathering octopi at the reef, Doc finds

    A. nothing; he goes home empty-handed.
    B. a shark.
    C. a girl's dead body.
    D. a car that was driven off the cliff.

24. When the cops arrive to break up the party,

    A. a new fight starts.
    B. everyone has already left for the Bear Flag.
    C. they arrest Mack, and let Doc off with a warning.
    D. they join in.

25. Who is Doc talking about when he tells Richard Frost "'I think they survive in this particular world better than other people'"?

    A. Mac and the boys.
    B. Lee Chong and his family.
    C. Frankie and his friend.
    D. Dora and her girls.


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# Answer Keys

## Week 1 Assessment

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. A
7. C
8. A
9. C
10. B

## Week 2 Assessment

1. D
2. A
3. D
4. B
5. B
6. D
7. A
8. A
9. D
10. C

## Week 3 Assessment

1. C
2. B
3. B
4. D
5. D
6. D
7. A
8. B
9. B
10. A

## Final Assessment

1. B
2. A
3. B
4. D
5. C
6. C
7. D
8. A
9. C
10. C
11. A
12. A
13. D
14. C
15. C
16. D
17. A
18. B
19. A
20. D
21. D
22. D
23. C
24. D
25. A


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