

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Integrity Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Wholeness.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Moderation.

2. *Mah-Jong* is the centerpiece of the novel. What is it?
 - A. A form of ping pong.
 - B. A book club.
 - C. A Chinese tile game.
 - D. A time for friends to get together and discuss Chinese proverbs.

3. In the phrase "She wore the same brown Chinese dress until the Refugee Welcome gave her two hand-me-down dresses..." (6) the word *refugee* most closely means:
 - A. A native.
 - B. An emigrant.
 - C. An immigrant.
 - D. A citizen.

4. In *The Joy Luck Club*, the point of view of the narrator is
 - A. First person.
 - B. Second person.
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6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Each week we would host a party to raise money and to raise our spirits.
 2. Nobody could speak when they would play.
 3. The ladies were not allowed to think any bad thoughts.
 4. Each week the ladies would hope to be lucky.
- A. 1, 2, 4, 3
B. 1, 2, 3, 4
C. 2, 1, 4, 3
D. 4, 1, 2, 3
7. The setting of *The Joy Luck Club* is
- A. San Francisco
B. China
C. Japan
D. Both A & B
8. One of the foods served at one of their parties was boiled peanuts. Specific foods were served to bring good fortune. What type of fortune would the boiled peanuts bring?
- A. a long life
B. the ability to bear sons
C. a plentiful, sweet life
D. silver coins
9. Who is the author of *The Joy Luck Club*?
- A. Tian Han
B. Amy Tan
C. Zong Pu
D. Di An
10. What happened on the day Lindo got married?
- A. Japanese invaded China.
B. Several hundred people attended the wedding.
C. It was a beautiful day with sunny, clear skies.
D. The wedding almost did not happen because Lindo was late.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. What does Amah describe as the role of the Moon Lady in China?
 - A. to take care of yourself first.
 - B. to place the needs of others first.
 - C. to never wish for things because that is for simple-minded people.
 - D. none of the above.
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 - B. rice noodles
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 - A. straight
 - B. flat
 - C. level
 - D. curled up
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Lena recalls how her grandfather died.
 2. Ying-Ying remembers her childhood in China.
 3. Ying-Ying woke from her nap and started wondering on the boat.
 4. Ying-Ying was in some bushes when a performance of the Moon Lady began.
 5. Lena's mother is scared of people she meets on the street.
 - A. 1, 5, 2, 3, 4
 - B. 1, 5, 4, 3, 2
 - C. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1
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- A. meet friends
 - B. meditate
 - C. watch the men play chess
 - D. practice yoga
8. Waverly learned chess strategies from Lau Po. He beat her at chess many times, but
- A. she started winning and people would watch her play.
 - B. it was suggested that she start playing tournaments.
 - C. she no longer had to do chores at home-she just played chess.
 - D. all of the above.
9. Who talks of losing herself?
- A. Amah
 - B. Ying-Ying
 - C. Both A & B
 - D. The Moon Lady
10. In the sentence, Lao Po said, "Little sister, been a long time since I play with dolls...smiling *benevolently*. The word *benevolently* (97) most closely means
- A. thoughtful
 - B. generous
 - C. unkind
 - D. selfish

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Ted decides he wants to divorce Rose because he has grown tired of “saving” her. What was the impetus for his decision?
 - He lost his job.
 - He is bored with their marriage and tired of trying to make it work.
 - He damaged a woman’s face and lost a malpractice suit.
 - All of the above
2. In the sentence, “My mother kicked me out....she talked with a *swagger*, seeming to be proud of this fact.” The word *swagger* (119) most closely means:
 - A. timid and shy
 - B. fearful
 - C. resentful
 - D. confident and self-assured
3. According to traditional Chinese culture, when babies are born they are already one year old. When are birthdays celebrated?
 - A. on the day the baby is born
 - B. on the Chinese New Year
 - C. on a calculation based on the length of the pregnancy
 - D. once every other year, since there are fewer days in the Chinese calendar
4. Rose goes to her mother’s home to tell her she is getting a divorce. How does her mother react?
 - A. she wants her to get a divorce
 - B. she is in shock and says nothing
 - C. she wants her to stay married because Ted is an American
 - D. she wants her to fight the divorce even though she did not approve of their marriage

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5. Rose's father has *nengkan*. What is this?
- A. the belief that success is attained by social connections
 - B. a terminal illness
 - C. believe in yourself and you can achieve anything
 - D. an imbalanced philosophy about life and death
6. Rose had faith in God, but accepted her fate that she had lost her son, Bing. What is the difference between fate and faith?
- A. fate is destiny; faith is belief
 - B. faith is destiny; fate is belief
 - C. fate is loyalty, faith is fortune
 - D. faith is your lot in life and fate is a promise
7. What happened to Bing?
- A. he died after a long illness
 - B. he perished in a car accident
 - C. he went for a walk and never returned
 - D. he fell into the water and drowned
8. When 2 or more people have trouble reaching an agreement and when no resolution is made, the situation can end up with resentment and hurt feelings. Jung Mei and her mother did not reach an agreement and neither one gave in. When an agreement is reached that makes both parties happy, this is called:
- A. a comport
 - B. a compromise
 - C. a compote
 - D. a compress
9. Suyyan Woo was trying to make Jing-mei a prodigy of anything she could think of: singer, dancer, piano player. Which description most accurately describes a prodigy?
- A. someone who majors in the arts
 - B. someone who is a performer
 - C. someone who has a great and natural talent for something
 - D. someone who acts as a mentor

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10. Place the following events in chronological order:

- A. Rose's mother searches for Bing.
- B. Rose tells her mom she is going to get a divorce.
- C. Ying Ying felt that the loss of the baby was her fault.
- D. Jing-mei was frustrated and could not figure out that her mom did not like her the way she was.

- 1. 3, 2, 1, 5, 4
- 2. 3, 2, 1, 4, 5
- 3. 2, 3, 1, 5, 4
- 4. 2, 3, 4, 5, 1
- 5. 2, 3, 4, 1, 5

Week 4 Assessment

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

1. In the phrase..."I swooned inside, caught off balance by this latest revelation of love..." The word *revelation* (169) most closely means:

A.intense awareness
B. subdued expression
C. casual presentation
D. passive declaration
2. Tao is a Chinese concept signifying 'way', 'path' or 'route'. It simple represents:

A.Earthly, but not spiritual dimensions.
B. The natural order of the universe.
C. Taoists have many faiths.
D. Taoism with no physical exercise.
3. Lena and Harold met each other at work. He finds her extraordinary, but something is out of balance in the relationship. What is it?

A. She discourages him.
B. Harold paid for everything.
C. She did equal work and got paid more.
D. Their union is one that is unequal.
4. What is the Chinese Zodiac Calendar?

A. It is a twelve month calendar.
B. It is a twelve year calendar.
C. It is represented by 12 different species of birds.
D. It shows a special relationship between people and birds.

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5. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Rose tells Ted she will not give up the house or sign the papers.
 2. Waverly's mother expresses her love by cooking.
 3. Waverly and Lindo talk about the Chinese Zodiac Calendar while at lunch.
 4. Waverly schemed to have Rich meet her family.
 5. Lindo was not happy when Waverly decided to play chess again.
- A. 3, 2, 5, 4, 1
B. 2, 3, 5, 4, 1
C. 3, 4, 5, 2, 1
D. 3, 5, 4, 2, 1
E. 3, 5, 4, 1, 2
6. Waverly's mother was critical of Rich because
- A. he didn't treat Waverly well.
B. he was not Chinese.
C. he had freckles.
D. both B & C.
7. In the phrase..."I had seen her expression when she opened the door, her forced smile as she scrutinized him from head to toe..." (195) The word *scrutinized* most closely means
- A.casual observation
B.glance and disregard
C..examine carefully
D.negative critique
8. Lena's mother tells her daughter that "a girl is like a young tree," and that daughters should stand tall and listen to their mothers. What literary device is the author using?
- A.simile
B.hyperbole
C.idiom
D.personification

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9. What did Rose once read in a fortune cookie that made her realize that Ted was ready to move on?
- A.by ignoring her
 - B.inattentiveness to the garden
 - C.working long hours
 - D.finding other interests
10. In the phrase..."I inventoried my life, going from room to room trying to remember the history of everything in the house..." (212) The word *inventoried* most closely means
- A. counted
 - B. checked
 - C. supply
 - D. categorize

Week 5 Assessment

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

1. Place the following events in chronological order.
 1. Wu Tsing arrived home with his fifth wife.
 2. Jing-Mei is considering life's importance.
 3. An-Mei's mother changed from mourning clothes to a sleek suit.
 4. Jing-Mei's mother died.
 5. An-Mei left with her mother to go to her new home.
 - A. 2, 4, 5, 1, 3
 - B. 2, 4, 5, 3, 1
 - C. 2, 4, 1, 3, 5
 - D. 4, 5, 2, 1, 3
 - E. 4, 5, 1, 2, 3

2. Magpies are medium-sized birds with long tails. They are noisy and very vocal social creatures. They are also known as
 - A. birds of joy
 - B. birds of chaos
 - C. birds of harmony
 - D. birds of clamor

3. Which example most closely represents the concept of *best quality*?
 - A.above average
 - B.ranking high in stature
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4. What was An-Mei's mother trying to teach her daughter when she told her the story about a turtle?
 - A.If you cry, your life will always be sad.
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5. What did the Second Wife do when Wu Tsing refused to give her a bigger allowance?
- A. She complained until she got what she wanted.
 - B. She did a pretend-suicide.
 - C. She stopped talking until he relented.
 - D. None of the above.
6. In the phrase “....we talked about the servants, who was clever, who was diligent, who was loyal.” (255) The word *diligent* most closely means
- A. someone who is bossy
 - B. a hard worker
 - C. lacking intelligence
 - D. insecure and inept
7. In ancient China, men were allowed to have many concubines. Why was this permitted?
- A. Poor families would sell their daughters for the money.
 - B. Females were not as valued as males were.
 - C. Some were the products of arranged marriages.
 - D. All of the above.
8. An-Mei arrives at her new luxurious home. It is in a wealthy area, with servants. An-Mei is happy, but her mother is not. Why?
- A. She is homesick
 - B. She is upset that she did not also receive a strand of pearls.
 - C. She was reduced to a lesser status.
 - D. She did not like the fact that the house was designed by westerners.
9. Buddhism is the fourth largest religion in the world. It has 365 million followers who believe it is a way of life. Believers practice the following:
- A. to lead a moral life.
 - B. to have your actions differ from your thoughts.
 - C. to rely on your elders for wisdom.
 - D. none of the above.

10. What did Ying Ying do when she found out the evil man was cheating on her?

- A. She cheated on him.
- B. She believed it was her fate and accepted it.
- C. She aborted her baby.
- D. she abandoned her baby right after birth.

Week 6 Assessment

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 - A. A spiritual connection between man and animal.
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 - C. A progressive illness.
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2. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Ying Ying returns to the city with both eyes open.
 2. Lindo got a job at a fortune cookie factory in America.
 3. Waverly wants to be Chinese.
 4. Her relatives met them at the train station.
 5. Jing Mei and her father travel to China to visit her half sisters.
 - A. 1, 2, 5, 4, 3
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3. In the sentence, "It's uncanny how much you two look alike!" The word *uncanny* most closely means:
 - A. common
 - B. unusual
 - C. obvious
 - D. fathomable

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6. Customs and Border Patrol is the largest part of the Department of Homeland Security. What is its mission?
 - A. Enforces immigration
 - B. Facilitates trade
 - C. Keeps terrorists and their weapons out of the U.S.
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7. Jing Mei and her father are almost in China. What is her concern?
 - A. that they will not make it safely
 - B. that she could not pass for a Chinese
 - C. that she will regret making the trip
 - D. None of the above
8. "Sanu Yen!" is Chinese for
 - A. "Little Wild Goose"
 - B. "Little Big Man"
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Answer Keys

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

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

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

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

Week 3 Assessment

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

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

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

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