

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. What was the purpose of foot binding in ancient Chinese culture?
 - A. To make women look sexy
 - B. It was a sign of wealth.
 - C. To keep women repressed
 - D. All of the above
2. In what ways was Grand Aunt different from other women of the time period?
 - A. She owned a bank.
 - B. She refused to marry.
 - C. She refused to have her foot bound.
 - D. Both A & B
 - E. Both A & C
3. The majority of the novel is written in
 - A. First person.
 - B. Third person.
 - C. Second person.
 - D. None of the above
4. What factor(s) contributed to the death of mother?
 - A. Rampant disease due to filthy living conditions
 - B. Father not washing his hands when he cared for mother
 - C. Disrespect for hospitals and their personnel
 - D. Difficult delivery
5. Place the following events in chronological order.
 1. Father cruises town to find his next wife. She is mixed Chinese and French.
 2. Father finishes his education and starts a successful business. He is supported by Grand Aunt.
 3. Grand Aunt opens her own bank and refuses to have her feet bound.
 4. Grandpa is a strict Buddhist but does not follow the regular traditions of marriage.
 5. Father dies and his will is read. His adult children feel like small kids.
 - A. 5, 3, 4, 1, 2

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

Use the passage below to answer the questions that follow.

*"In order to explain our collective docility that afternoon, I have to go back to the very beginning. A Chinese proverb says that *luo ye gui gen* (falling leaves return to their roots" (pg. 3).*

6. What word or phrase best describes docility?

- A. Flexible
- B. Haughty
- C. Submissive
- D. Disobedient

7. What does the proverb "*falling leaves return to their roots*" refer to? (pg. 3).

- A. Trees lose their leaves in the fall, leaves decompose, and then fertilize the tree through its roots.
- B. The children started out very docile. After the death of their father they assumed their same childlike role in the family.
- C. The kids in the family assumed the role of caretakers to their elders.
- D. None of the above

Put the following events in chronological order.

1. Grandmother dies and the household becomes intolerable.
2. Aunt Baba celebrates Adeline's success and good grades but is unhappy in the household. She tries to protect Adeline from the abuse.
3. The Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor. The family relocates to Shanghai.
4. Niang (step mother) takes over as head of household. She treats the step family like second class citizens.
5. Father remarries and has two more children.

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

8. What changes occurred in the family after they relocated to Shanghai?

- A. The children were sent to private missionary school.
- B. Father began an austerity program to teach the children the value of money.
- C. The kids were not allowed to leave the house except for school hours.
- D. All of the above

9. What advice did Aunt Baba give Adeline to help her survive her family life? “*Separate fact from fiction.* _____” (pg. 74)
- A. Concentrate on the things you are really good at.
 - B. Forget the Kung Fu masters and martial arts and foolishness.
 - C. Get the best education you can.
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. What put an end to Japan's occupation of China in 1945?
 - A. Japan signed a treaty with China.
 - B. America dropped the "A" Bomb on Japan.
 - C. Japan bombed Pearl Harbor.
 - D. America joined the war.
2. When World War II ended, what resulted in China?
 - A. Depression.
 - B. Influx of war refugees.
 - C. Civil war and unrest.
 - D. Famine.
3. What tools did Niang use to control the family?
 - A. She controlled their money.
 - B. She did not allow Ye Ye or Aunt Baba to work.
 - C. Emotional and mental abuse
 - D. All of the above
4. *"I learned that the vast majority of the 1200 students at Sacred Heart were day girls, arriving at eight and leaving at three thirty. The waiting was horrible. I sat there in trepidation, recalling Niang's threats the year before in Shanghai"* (pg. 100). What word or phrase best describes the underlined word above?
 - A. Anxiety
 - B. Confidence
 - C. Composer
 - D. Self-assurance
5. *"Don't end up married off like Lydia. You must rely on yourself. No matter what else people may steal from you, they will never be able to take away your _____. The world is changing. You must make your own life outside this home"* (pg. 110).
 - A. Self-worth
 - B. Knowledge
 - C. Integrity
 - D. Values

6. Put the following events in chronological order.
1. Gregory comes up with a scheme to take money from the school. He is caught.
 2. Niang's sister comes to pick Adeline up at the convent. She is treated like an equal by her aunt's family.
 3. Adeline is locked in a convent. She does not know that her family has been forbidden from communicating with her.
 4. Adeline becomes ill and is sent home from school to recover.
 5. Father and Niang start to control what Ye Ye eats and what snacks he has so he will not share with Adeline.
- A. 1, 2, 5, 4, 3
B. 1, 4, 3, 5, 2
C. 5, 3, 4, 1, 2
D. 4, 3, 1, 2, 5
7. What circumstance led to Adeline being released from Sacred Heart?
- A. Niang felt she needed to learn a work skill so she could get a job.
B. She won a writing contest and was allowed to pursue her education in England.
C. She went to live with Grand Aunt and got a job at the bank.
D. Adeline ran away from the convent.
8. Adeline is allowed to pursue which course of study at the university?
- A. Dermatology.
B. Family practice.
C. Obstetrics.
D. Podiatry.
9. Adeline wants to
- A. Meet a man and get married without completing her studies.
B. Study hard and break through the prejudices that block her.
C. Complete her schooling and return to China as a doctor.
D. Achieve high honors and make a name for herself in her father's city.
10. What was residing in London like for Adeline?
- a. Most of the city had been bombed in WWII and the city was deserted.
b. There was a small population of people living in the city area.
c. The city was undergoing a period of change due to the destruction from the war.
d. All of the above.
e. None of the above.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. “Not to say a few kind words such as, ‘We’ll miss you’ or ‘Write to us often, will you?’ My imminent departure was of no concern except for the possible burden of an airline ticket” (pg. 155). Which word or phrase best describes the term imminent?
- A. Likely to occur at any moment.
 - B. Brewing
 - C. Remote possibility.
 - D. Predicted.

Use the passage below to answer the questions that follow.

“I don’t know your origin or background,’ I wrote, ‘but perhaps someone once reached out a hand to help you achieve your American dream. I’m humbly asking you to do this for me now” (pg 156).

2. Adeline is asking the hospital to “pay it forward.” What phrase best describes the concept of “pay it forward”?
- A. Giving back to the party who assisted you when a need arose.
 - B. Asking that a good deed be repaid by having something done to or for others instead.
 - C. Giving someone compassion after compassion has been given to you.
 - D. None of the above.
3. Adeline is asking for
- A. Her tuition to be paid for by the school.
 - B. Help making travel plans and living arrangements.
 - C. An advance of her salary so she can purchase and airline ticket.
 - D. An introduction to American customs.
4. What term or phrase best describes the antonym of the term humbly in the passage above?
- A. Modest
 - B. Subservient
 - C. Lowly
 - D. Proud

5. Adeline moves to America with

- A. The money left to her by Ye Ye.
- B. The help of a local church that is sponsoring her.
- C. No support from her family.
- D. Only the clothes on her back.

6. Put the following events in chronological order.

- 1. Adeline returns to Hong Kong. Father insists she intern for Dr. Chun instead of taking a better offer with more pay as a lecturer.
- 2. She meets Bryon and decides to marry him.
- 3. Adeline decides to pursue a job in America. She moves with no support from her family.
- 4. Niang dumps Adeline at the hospital as soon as she can be rid of her.
- 5. Niang and father give Adeline permission to leave Bryon and tell her not to put his name on any property she invests in.

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

7. Put the following events in chronological order.

- 1. Aunt Baba discovers that Miss Chien is stealing from the garage and reports this to father. He does nothing.
- 2. Susan marries and becomes famous in Hong Kong. Her mother ex-communicates her from the family.
- 3. The Vietnam War affects the business in Hong Kong. Father prepares for the impact.
- 4. Adeline meets Bob, her “heaven made” love. They are married.
- 5. Father is diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

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

8. What is one significant thing that father and Niang do to show Adeline they are supportive?

- A. They give Adeline permission to divorce Bryon.
- B. They come to visit her in America.
- C. They understand she is in an abusive situation.
- D. They give her advice about purchasing property.

Use the definition of integrity to answer the questions that follow.

Integrity requires that the way I live my life is whole, entire, undivided, sound, coherent and principled. Integrity moves me to do difficult and new things not just easy and accustomed things.

9. "Integrity requires _____."

- A. Restraint.
- B. Wholeness
- C. Principles.
- D. Character.

10. What does it mean to live your life with integrity?

- A. To live life dishonestly.
- B. To live life in a rut.
- C. To do the right thing regardless of what others do or think.
- D. None of the above.

Week 4 Assessment

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

1. Adeline considers her union to Bob as

- A. A match made in heaven.
- B. A fortunate event for her.
- C. The result of a blind date.
- D. "Heaven-made" love.

Use the following passage to answer the questions that follow.

"Shortly after James' arrival, the letter from Professor Hanbury arrived. Niang had been forewarned by the physician in Hong Kong, and the confirmation of her fears came almost as an anticlimax. Father was suffering from generalized brain atrophy due to Alzheimer's disease" (pg. 216).

2. Which of the following best describes the term atrophy?

- A. To change in mental function or ability.
- B. To become weaker.
- C. To waste away, wither or deteriorate.
- D. None of the above.

3. What effects can Alzheimer's disease have on a person?

- A. Trouble finding the name of common items.
- B. Misplacing items.
- C. Getting lost in familiar places.
- D. All of the above.

4. What characteristics does father use to describe Adeline to Bob?

- A. Bookworm.
- B. Excelled in her studies.
- C. Excellent writer.
- D. All of the above.

Use the passage below to answer the questions that follow.

"I asked her if she regretted staying behind in Shanghai. Her answer was an unequivocal, no. The savagery of the Cultural Revolution. Poverty, hardships, and fear. Quite honestly though, all the miseries put together were more tolerable than living under the same roof as your Niang" (pg. 225).

5. Which phrase or term best describes the term *unequivocal*?
- A. Equal.
 - B. Clear, having one possible meaning.
 - C. Convoluted.
 - D. Obvious.
6. Which of the following best describes the Cultural Revolution in China?
- A. Propaganda against freedom.
 - B. A radical takeover by freedom fighters.
 - C. A time period used to purge the country of all capitalist ideas and beliefs.
 - D. A communist take-over.
7. What does Bob do to display integrity?
- A. He allows his wife to interact with her dysfunctional family.
 - B. He tries to negotiate her rightful share of the inheritance.
 - C. He defends his wife and her ideals.
 - D. None of the above.
8. What does Adeline want from her family?
- A. Her rightful share of her inheritance.
 - B. To be considered an equal in her family.
 - C. To learn about her history.
 - D. To be loved by her mother.
9. How does Aunt Baba live and die with integrity?
- A. She was surrounded by friends.
 - B. Despite her hardships, love, generosity, and humor never left her.
 - C. She accepted her fate with grace and dignity.
 - D. All of the above.
10. In what way did Adeline's mother show great wisdom and forethought?
- A. She entrusted Adeline's care to Aunt Baba.
 - B. She left Adeline with a support system.
 - C. She directed Aunt Baba to give Adeline whatever she wanted.
 - D. None of the above.

Assessment Answer Key

Week One

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

Week Three

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

Week Two

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

Week Four

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