

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Responsibility Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Daring.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Moderation.

2. In the phrase “Afghans cover the earth like stars cover the sky.” (19) most closely means:
 - A. Afghans live in countries around the world.
 - B. Afghans live all around the Middle East.
 - C. Afghans only live in Afghanistan.
 - D. Many Afghans are astronauts.

3. Mother and Nooria have to wear Burqas because
 - A. It is part of their religion to wear Burqas outside their homes.
 - B. The Taliban requires all women to wear Burqas outside their homes.
 - C. It keeps them warm in the winter and protects them from sunburns in the summer.
 - D. Burqas are the traditional Afghan clothing for women.

4. Why did Parvana attack the soldiers?
 - A. To distract them from kidnapping Nooria.
 - B. To protect her family.
 - C. To distract them from finding father’s English books.
 - D. To protect her father.

5. Why did Parvana and Mother walk to the prison?
 - A. Only the father had the keys to the car.
 - B. The buses were would not allow two females on the bus.
 - C. The buses did not go out to the prison.
 - D. There was no money to put gas in the car.

6. How did the Taliban change daily life for women?
- A. Women were allowed to leave their homes without a male.
 - B. Women had to do all the shopping.
 - C. Girls were not allowed to go to school.
 - D. All of the above.
7. The setting of *Breadwinner* is
- A. Kabul, Afghanistan, Taliban-era.
 - B. Kabul, Afghanistan, post-Taliban era.
 - C. Baghdad, Iraq, Taliban-era.
 - D. Islamabad, Pakistan, modern day.
8. Place the following events in chronological order:
- 1. Parvana goes to the market with her father.
 - 2. Parvana and her mother walk to the prison.
 - 3. Parvana was beaten by the soldiers.
 - 4. Malali help the Afghans win the battle against the British.
 - 5. Parvana cuts her hair and dresses like a boy.
- A. 4, 3, 1, 5, 2
 - B. 3, 4, 2, 1, 5
 - C. 4, 2, 3, 1, 5
 - D. 4, 1, 3, 2, 5
9. Who is the author of *Breadwinner*?
- A. Dorothy Ellen
 - B. Parvana Khan
 - C. Mark Twain
 - D. Deborah Ellis
10. What changed once the Taliban was in charge?
- A. Nooria stopped going to high school.
 - B. Parvana's family were stuck living in one room.
 - C. Parana's mother was kicked out of her job.
 - D. All of the above.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. Why is Parvana disguised as a boy?
 - A. Mother and Nooria could not leave the houses without being accompanied by a male.
 - B. Only a male can buy food from the market.
 - C. As a boy, Parvana would be able to work while her father was in prison.
 - D. All of the above.
2. How did Parvana feel after she had helped the Taliban customer read his letter?
 - A. She realized the Taliban could not read but could write.
 - B. She realized the Taliban did finish high school.
 - C. She realized the Taliban could be gentlemen.
 - D. She realized the Taliban were humans with families and feelings.
3. Why are children working in Afghanistan?
 - A. To provide food for themselves and their families.
 - B. To avoid going to school everyday.
 - C. To gain practical working skills.
 - D. To make extra money to be rich one day.
4. Who is Mrs. Weera?
 - A. The next-door neighbor.
 - B. Parvana's history teacher.
 - C. Parvana's gym teacher.
 - D. Parvana's aunt.
5. Why doesn't the family invite guest over?
 - A. The family is embarrassed of their small home.
 - B. The family does not have enough food to share with guest.
 - C. The family is afraid that their guest could be spies for the Taliban.
 - D. The family recently moved and doesn't have many friends in the new city.

6. Why do Mrs. Weera and Parvana's mother want to produce a magazine?
- A. To tell the world about the injustice of the Taliban.
 - B. To give to the Taliban as a formal complaint.
 - C. To encourage women to continue to read.
 - D. To preserve the story of Malali and other traditional Afghan stories.
7. The word *embroidery* in the sentence "The wind must have carried the little piece of embroidery to her blanket, although it hadn't been a very windy day." most closely means
- A. Decorative artwork.
 - B. Decorative handwriting.
 - C. Decorative sewing.
 - D. Decorative glass artwork.
8. Place the following events in chronological order:
- 1. Mrs. Weera moves in the Parvana's family.
 - 2. Parvana works for a bone broker.
 - 3. Parvana meets Shauzia.
 - 4. Parvana helps the Taliban member by reading his letter.
 - 5. Parvana discovers the punishment for stealing.
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9. What do Parvana and Shauzia sell on their tea trays?
- A. Cigarettes and gum.
 - B. Crackers and cheese.
 - C. Small toys and candy.
 - D. All of the above.
10. Why is it dangerous for Parvana and Shauzia to go to the bathroom?
- A. They can get in trouble by the bone broker.
 - B. A hidden landmine can explode.
 - C. It can expose that they are disguised as boys.
 - D. All of the above.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. Where does Shauzia want to go?
 - A. Europe.
 - B. America.
 - C. France.
 - D. California

2. Why does Shauzia need to leave soon?
 - A. The Taliban will draft her as a soldier if she keeps pretending to be a boy.
 - B. Her family can't feed her anymore.
 - C. Her family is ready to marry her to a rich man in another city.
 - D. Her shape is changing and she won't look like a boy forever.

3. In the sentence "The two girls were a little *intimidated* by so many people and stayed next to each other as they went up into the bleachers to sell their wares." the word *intimidated* most closely means
 - A. Amazed.
 - B. Confused.
 - C. Scared.
 - D. Embarrassed.

4. Why is Nooria getting married?
 - A. She is in love with her high school boyfriend.
 - B. She is going to have a baby soon.
 - C. She will have more opportunities and freedom.
 - D. It would make her family happy.

5. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Father returns.
 2. Nooria leaves to Mazar to get married.
 3. The magazine is finished.
 4. Parvana finds Homa.
 5. Parvana plants flowers in the market
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6. What happened to Homa?
- A. The Taliban cut off her hand.
 - B. She stepped on a landmine.
 - C. The Taliban captured her city and killed her family.
 - D. She was attacked by wild dogs.
7. What did Parvana have to do to help her father get better?
- A. Read him stories from his books.
 - B. Make him tea and soup.
 - C. Clean his wounds.
 - D. Work to buy medicine.
8. The word *trampled* in the sentence “Even if they grow, they will be *trampled*.” ‘The marketplace is no spot for flowers.’” most closely means
- A. Drenched.
 - B. Buried.
 - C. Crushed.
 - D. Uprooted.
9. Mrs. Weera and Homa decide to go to which country?
- A. Pakistan.
 - B. India.
 - C. Iran
 - D. Afghanistan.
10. Mrs. Weera doesn’t take Shauzia with her because
- A. Shauzia would be deserting her family.
 - B. Shauzia is too young to make this journey.
 - C. Mrs. Weera can only take one other person.
 - D. Shauzia doesn’t want to go.

Final Assessment

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15. Where does Shauzia want to go?
- A. Paris.
 - B. London.
 - C. Rome.
 - D. New York.

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17. Which of the following words describes Mrs. Weera?
- A. Friendly.
 - B. Strong.
 - C. Fragile.
 - D. Angry.
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20. What happened to Homa?
- A. She survived the Taliban's attack.
 - B. The Taliban captured her city
 - C. She ran away to Kabul.
 - D. All of the above.

21. Where did Homa come from?
- A. Islamabad.
 - B. Peshawar.
 - C. Kabul.
 - D. Mazar.
22. Why do Parvana and Shauzia work for the bone broker?
- A. All their friends work there too.
 - B. The work is safer.
 - C. The work is easier.
 - D. To make more money.
23. Mrs. Weera and Homa decide to go to which country?
- A. Pakistan.
 - B. Afghanistan.
 - C. Iran
 - D. Iraq.
24. How does Parvana feel after hearing Homa's story?
- A. Sad and discourage.
 - B. Scared and hungry.
 - C. Tired but hopeful.
 - D. Angry and spiteful.
25. Why does Parvana plant the wild flowers?
- A. To give Afghanistan hope.
 - B. As a present for her friend in the market.
 - C. To bring beauty back to Afghanistan.
 - D. All of the above.

Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

1. C
2. D
3. C
4. C
5. B
6. C

7. D
8. C
9. A
10. A

Final Assessment

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