Week 1 Assessment

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2. Change Requires _____

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   C. Effort.
   D. Integrity.

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4. George tells Lennie that if he gets in trouble, he should

   A. fight like crazy to defend himself.
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5. Lennie is excited because George is going to ask Slim to give him

   A. a new bunk.
   B. a puppy.
   C. a rabbit.
   D. a rifle.

6. Lennie kills the mouse in his pocket

   A. by accident; he doesn't know his own strength.
   B. for food; he is really hungry.
   C. because he hates mice.
   D. by drowning it when he's swimming in the river.

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

   1. George and Lennie are walking to their new job.
   2. George and Lennie arrive at the ranch and are assigned their bunks.
   3. Lennie and George meet Curley's wife.
   4. Lennie asks George to tell him about the ranch of their own they'll buy someday.

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

8. The men on the ranch think that Curley's wife is

   A. incredibly ugly; they try to avoid her.
   B. planning to run away from Curley.
   C. pretty and probably "easy."
   D. stuck up; she acts like she's too good for them.

9. The setting of the novel *Of Mice and Men* is

   A. a farm somewhere in the Midwest during the Depression.
   B. a rabbit ranch in California, in the present day.
   C. Central California during the Great Depression.
   D. Salinas California in the 1950s.

10. The word *mollified* in the passage "'Damn right he don't,' said George, slightly *mollified*, 'not if he wants to stay workin' long,'" most closely means:

   A. pacified or calmed.
   B. angered and "worked up."
   C. married.
   D. like a girl.

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Week 2 Assessment

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

1. "…George fell silent. He wanted to talk. Slim neither encouraged nor discouraged him. He just sat back quiet and *receptive*."

   In the passage above, the word *receptive* indicates that Slim is

   A. a good listener.
   B. arranging a new life for Lennie.
   C. bored.
   D. planning to take something from George.

2. In the sentence "When Candy spoke they both jumped as though they had been caught doing something *reprehensible*," the word *reprehensible* most closely means:

   A. funny.
   B. secret.
   C. sexual.
   D. terrible.

3. "And he had books, too; a tattered dictionary and a mauled copy of the California civil code for 1905."

   In the sentence above, the best antonym for the word *mauled* would be:

   A. damaged.
   B. new.
   C. organized.
   D. well-read.

4. Place the following events in chronological order:

   1. Candy, George, and Lennie decide to go in on a farm together.
   2. Curley picks a fight with Lennie.
   3. Lennie tells Crooks about the rabbits and the farm.
   4. Slim asks Lennie to stop playing with the pups so much.

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

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5. Curley's hand is damaged when

   A. he attacks Lennie, and Lennie crushes his hand.
   B. he falls off of his horse.
   C. he gets it caught in a dangerous machine.
   D. he has a fight with his wife, and she burns him with a hot frying pan.

6. The author of *Of Mice and Men* is

   A. Francisco Jimenez.
   B. John Steinbeck.
   C. S. E. Hinton
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7. Crooks sleeps in the harness room instead of the bunkhouse because

   A. he has a better job than the other men.
   B. he is black.
   C. he is unable to walk out of the stables.
   D. he snores loudly.

8. George and Lennie might be able to buy the farm they've always wanted because

   A. Candy has offered to pay for most of it if they let him live there.
   B. Lennie is going to get regular social security payments under the New Deal government.
   C. Lennie's aunt died and left him a lot of money in her will.
   D. they have been hired to do a special job that will pay $600.

9. Curley starts a fight with Lennie because

   A. he believes Lennie has been flirting with his wife.
   B. he thinks Lennie is laughing at him.
   C. he wants to prove that he can beat Lennie up, even though Lennie is the larger man.
   D. Lennie insults his wife by saying she's ugly.

10. Candy didn't want to shoot his dog because

   A. he doesn't know how to use a gun.
   B. he is afraid of getting in trouble with PETA.
   C. he loves the dog, even though it has rabies.
   D. the old crippled dog reminds him of himself.

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Final Assessment

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3. "She was breathless with *indignation*."

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

   A. an upset stomach.
   B. anger or displeasure.
   C. excitement and happiness.
   D. running or exercise.

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6. Crooks' attitude toward the men buying a farm together is

   A. desperate; he is angry that they won't let him join them.
   B. negative; he says it will never happen.
   C. positive; he says he would like to join them if they're willing to have him.
   D. scornful; he doesn't see the point of owning your own land.

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8. Curley's wife is found by

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   C. Curley.
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10. George goes to find Lennie by himself because

   A. he is afraid that Curley will lynch Lennie without a trial if he finds him first.
   B. he is going to help Lennie escape.
   C. he knows that Lennie will die if he has to go to prison.
   D. he wants to congratulate him on making Curley's wife shut up.

11. George tells Lennie that if he gets in trouble, he should

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   C. hide in the brush until George comes to find him.
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12. In the passage "She *consoled* him. "Don't you worry none. He was jus' a mutt. You can get
another one easy. The whole country is fulla mutts," the word *consoled* most closely means:

    A. comforted.
    B. hit.
    C. scolded.
    D. told.

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14. Lennie kills the puppy because

    A. Curley's wife tells him to.
    B. he can't afford to feed it.
    C. he is too rough when playing with it.
    D. he was mad at it for biting him.

15. Lennie runs away from the ranch

    A. because Curley's wife has threatened to turn him in for rape.
    B. because he is afraid that George won't like him any more.
    C. because he is excited about buying the new farm.
    D. because he knows he'll be in trouble for killing Curley's wife.

16. Lennie strokes Curley's wife's hair when

    A. she invites him to see how soft and nice it is.
    B. she isn't looking; he wants to know what it feels like.
    C. the other men dare him to touch her.
    D. they are kissing.

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17. Place the following events in chronological order:

    1. Curley's wife finds Lennie in the barn, and sees what he has done.
    2. George shoots Lennie in the head.
    3. Lennie accidentally kills a puppy.
    4. Lennie holds Curley's wife and strokes her hair.

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20. While waiting for George by the river, Lennie imagines he sees

    A. a giant talking rabbit and his mother.
    B. Aunt Clara and a talking rabbit.
    C. Aunt Clara and Curley's dead wife.
    D. heaven, where there are talking rabbits.

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Answer Keys

Week 1 Assessment

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

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

Final Assessment

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