

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Integrity Requires _____.
 - A. Action.
 - B. Wholeness.
 - C. Effort.
 - D. Honesty.
2. Lisa's behavior is becoming more erratic and she feels like she is going crazy. She tells her parents because she does not know what to do and she asks them for help. How do they respond?
 - A. They ask Lisa's friends for.
 - B. They talk with her and tell she will get the help she needs.
 - C. They laugh at her and tell her all teenagers go through the same thing.
 - D. They ignore her and walk away.
3. What are some of the symptoms of mental illness?
 - A. Major changes in eating habits.
 - B. Detachment from reality.
 - C. Loss of energy.
 - D. All of the above.
4. In *Lisa, Bright and Dark*, who is the narrator
 - A. Mr. Shilling
 - B. Betsy Goodman
 - C. Mary Nell
 - D. Elizabeth Frazer
5. Lisa and her boyfriend, Brian, were celebrating their first anniversary. In the middle of dancing, what did Lisa do?
 - A. She started crying
 - B. She told Brian she wanted to break up
 - C. She yelled, "Stop it!" and ran out of the room
 - D. She fainted

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6. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. Lisa tells her family her concerns
 2. Betsy tells the story of Lisa yelling at the group
 3. Lisa is found under a desk poking holes in herself
 4. Mr. Bernstein, the counselor, recommends a break from school for Lisa
- A. 1, 2, 4, 3
B. 1, 2, 3, 4
C. 2, 1, 4, 3
D. 4, 1, 2, 3
7. The setting of *Lisa, Bright and Dark* is?
- A. A high school
B. Lisa's home
C. A medical facility
D. Mary Nell's house by the lake
8. The word *inaudibly* in the phrase "she said nothing to anyone, answering questions in class only with great effort and then almost inaudibly" (23), most closely means:
- A. Not wanting to speak
B. Unable to speak clearly
C. Unable to be heard
D. Speaking very loudly, almost shouting
9. Who is the author of *Lisa, Bright and Dark*?
- A. John Neufeld
B. John Green
C. John Steinbeck
D. Paul Zindel
10. Where did Lisa's parents send her for six weeks?
- A. To her grandparent's home in Florida
B. To a military academy
C. To a home for the emotionally disturbed
D. To a rest home in Florida

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. What does Lisa do to show her drastic mood swings?
 - A. She stays in bed all day.
 - B. She wears clothes and make-up to reflect her moods.
 - C. She yells at her parents.
 - D. She cries nonstop.
2. What do Betsy and M. N. want to do to help Lisa?
 - A. They want to talk with her parents
 - B. They want Mr. Bernstein to do more
 - C. They want to start group therapy sessions with Lisa
 - D. None of the above
3. In the sentence "What do you believe? She asked *haughtily*." (46), the word *haughtily* most closely means
 - A. Annoyingly
 - B. Arrogantly
 - C. Without scorn
 - D. Humbly
4. Place the following events in chronological order:
 1. Mrs. Shilling was in denial of any issue with Lisa.
 2. Betsy and M. N. start helping Lisa by trying to get adults involved.
 3. Betsy and M. N. start reading all they can about mental illness.
 4. Lisa asks Betsy never to lie to her.
 5. Lisa disappears.
 - A. 2, 3, 1, 4, 5
 - B. 2, 4, 3, 1, 5
 - C. 2, 1, 3, 4, 5
 - D. 3, 2, 1, 4, 5

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5. Who does Lisa think might be able to help her?
- A. Elizabeth Frazer
 - B. M.N.
 - C. Betsy
 - D. Mr. Bernstein
6. At their first group therapy session, what happens to M. N.?
- A. M. N. becomes very afraid and thinks this is a mistake.
 - B. Lisa's parents intervene and tell M. N. to stop.
 - C. M. N. feels overwhelmed and leaves.
 - D. She is verbally attacked by Lisa.
7. The word *schizophrenia* in the phrase..."delusions of being a great person, and hallucinations." (54), *schizophrenia* most closely means
- A. A multiple or split personality.
 - B. A long-term mental disorder that leads to withdrawal from reality and illogical thinking.
 - C. Having inappropriate actions and feelings.
 - D. Both B & C.
8. "Mental illness is something you play by ear...you can't treat it as a math problem that has a logical solution." These are Elizabeth's words to M. N. about Lisa's condition. What figure of speech is being used with the phrase, "play by ear?"
- A. Idiom
 - B. Personification
 - C. Hyperbole
 - D. Consonance
9. How did Lisa respond when Mr. Fickett and Mr. Milne told her dad that she needed help with her mental illness and he continued to deny that anything was wrong with her?
- A. She shouted at him.
 - B. She said she wanted help.
 - C. She ran from him.
 - D. All of the above.

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10. When Lisa would have a bad day, what was something she would do?
- A. She would cry in the middle of class.
 - B. She would disappear for hours at a time.
 - C. She was late to almost every appointment.
 - D. All of the above.

Week 3 Assessment

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

1. What happens to Lisa when she goes to Betsy's home?
 - A. She yells at her father again.
 - B. He tells everyone she's leaving for good.
 - C. She walks through a glass door.
 - D. None of the above.

2. In reference to Lisa, Mrs. Shilling said, "We have no intention of letting her ride roughshod over us." What does to 'ride roughshod over someone' mean?
 - A. To treat with brutal force.
 - B. To act without regard for the feelings of others.
 - C. To treat with scorn and disdain.
 - D. All of the above.

3. In the sentence "M. N. had informed us that Lisa was in a precatatonic stage." The word *precatatonic* (109), most closely means
 - A. Without emotion.
 - B. With emotion.
 - C. Talkative.
 - D. Zest for life.

4. Lisa's mood has deteriorated to the point of her feeling apathetic most of the time. How is this indifferent attitude affecting her?
 - A. She is no longer interested in sleep.
 - B. She became very quiet.
 - C. She lost her appetite.
 - D. All of the above.

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5. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. The girls meet at Betsy's and her father walks in.
 2. The girls arrive at Elizabeth's to find Dr. Donovan.
 3. Neil talks about others not picking on Lisa.
 4. Dr. Donovan reads a newspaper article about an attempted teen suicide.
 5. M. N. and Betsy run into Brian and start talking to him.
- A. 1, 4, 2, 5, 3
B. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
C. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
D. 4, 1, 2, 5, 3
6. Where does the story take place?
- A. San Francisco, California
B. Long Island, New York
C. Staten Island, New York
D. Trenton, New Jersey
7. What were the first words Lisa said after she walked through the pane of glass?
- A. "You didn't think I would do this, did you?"
B. "Don't touch me."
C. "I'm fine, thank you."
D. "Leave me alone."
8. How does Lisa's mom react when she finds out Lisa walked through a glass door?
- A. She still believes there is nothing wrong with Lisa.
B. She slaps M. N. across the face.
C. She falls to the floor and cries in Mr. Shilling's arms.
D. She finally realizes that Lisa needs help.
9. Who did Betsy meet at Elizabeth's home that took her breath away?
- A. Paul Newman.
B. Neil Donovan.
C. Brian.
D. Mr. Bernstein.

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10. Lisa took a handful of her mother's sleeping pills. What happened that may lead you to think she did not really want to die?
- A. She left a note on the kitchen counter.
 - B. She asked Elizabeth for something to help her relax.
 - C. She called M. N. to say goodbye.
 - D. She went to lay on the couch in the living room.

Final Assessment

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1. To whom does Betsy compare Brian?
 - A. Paul McCartney.
 - B. Paul Neufeld.
 - C. Paul Simon.
 - D. Paul Newman.
2. How would you best describe Lisa's parents?
 - A. Brash and abrasive
 - B. Stubborn and preoccupied
 - C. Helpful and compassionate
 - D. Humble and nurturing
3. Mental illness is something you play by ear...you can't treat it as a math problem that has a logical solution" These are Elizabeth's words to M. N. about Lisa's condition. What figure of speech is being used with the phrase, "play by ear?"
 - A. Idiom.
 - B. Personification.
 - C. Hyperbole.
 - D. Consonance.
4. Who is the narrator for the majority of the story?
 - A. The school counselor.
 - B. Elizabeth.
 - C. Betsy.
 - D. M. N.
5. Who does Lisa think might be able to help her?
 - A. Elizabeth.
 - B. Mary Nell.
 - C. Betsy.
 - D. Mr. Bernstein.

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6. The word *frantically* in the sentence “I stood up, frantically trying to find a way to grab my notes to cram with in the hall” (25), the word *frantically* most closely means
- A. Indiscriminately.
 - B. Excitedly.
 - C. Confusedly.
 - D. Calmly.
7. The setting of *Lisa, Bright and Dark* is
- A. Staten Island, New York.
 - B. Los Angeles, California.
 - C. New York, New York.
 - D. Long Island, New York.
8. Where did Lisa’s parents send her for six weeks?
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10. What are some of the symptoms of mental illness?
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11. What is the moral of *Lisa, Bright and Dark*?
- A. The stubbornness of Lisa’s parents and how it negatively affects her.
 - B. The illness of a girl and society’s impact on her.
 - C. The incompetence of the adults who let her down.
 - D. Intervene and get help before it’s too late.

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12. Place the following events in chronological order:
1. M. N. reads voraciously about mental illness.
 2. Lisa asks Betsy never to lie to her.
 3. Neil talks about others not picking on Lisa.
 4. Lisa is found under a desk poling holes in her arm.
 5. The girls meet Dr. Donovan at Elizabeth's home.
- A. 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
B. 4, 1, 2, 5, 3
C. 3, 1, 2, 4, 5
D. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
13. Elizabeth is described as having beauty, brains, wealth, and?
- A. Confidence.
B. Arrogance.
C. A negative personality.
D. Fluency in several languages.
14. The predominant theme in Lisa, Bright and Dark is...
- A. The consequences of not treating mental illness.
B. The loyalty and compassion of Lisa's friends.
C. The strained relationship between Lisa and her parents.
D. Mental illness and treating it.
15. What is the main conflict in Lisa, Bright and Dark?
- A. The incompetency of the school counselor.
B. The challenges her friends face in trying to diagnose and help her.
C. The struggle to convince Lisa's parents that she is ill and needs serious help.
D. Lisa was starving for attention and thoughts this was the way to get it.
16. How was the main conflict resolved?
- A. Lisa runs away.
B. Lisa's friends correctly diagnose her and commit to helping her.
C. Lisa's parents finally get her the help she needs.
D. None of the above.

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17. In the sentence “He had what has got to be the most beautiful nose in the world. It was like the old Greek noses—aquiline is the word, I think” (124), the word *aquiline* most closely means:
- A. Curved.
 - B. Straight.
 - C. Smooth.
 - D. Flat.
18. What is the secret that Elizabeth and Lisa share?
- A. Both of them had parents who were in denial about their mental health.
 - B. Both of them walked through a pane of glass.
 - C. They are biological sisters.
 - D. They have needed the care of a mental health professional.
19. What is Lisa’s biggest motivation?
- A. To have everyone leave her alone.
 - B. To live her life as a normal teenager.
 - C. To be the most popular teenager.
 - D. To separate from her parents.
20. What was Lisa doing under the classroom desk?
- A. She was talking gibberish to herself.
 - B. She was afraid and didn’t know what to do.
 - C. She was hiding from the school guidance counselor.
 - D. She was poking holes in her arm with a pin.
21. Why did Elizabeth miss school for two days?
- A. She was upset about the deteriorating condition of Lisa.
 - B. She went upstate to find Dr. Donovan.
 - C. She needed to talk with her father.
 - D. None of the above.
22. Integrity Requires _____.
- A. Moderation.
 - B. Effort.
 - C. Wholeness.
 - D. Action.

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23. This book was written in 1969, what war takes place during the time?

- A. Vietnam War.
- B. Korean War.
- C. Grenada.
- D. Persian Gulf War.

24. Which one of Lisa's friends has a history with Dr. Donovan?

- A. Betsy.
- B. Mary Nell.
- C. Elizabeth.
- D. Brian.

25. At the end of the novel, what happens to Lisa?

- A. She dies.
- B. She will receive therapy from Dr. Donovan.
- C. She goes back home to live with her parents.
- D. She stays in the hospital for an indefinite amount of time.

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Answer Keys

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

Week 2 Assessment

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

Week 3 Assessment

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

7. C
8. A

9. B
10. D

Final Assessment

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