

Week 1 Assessment

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

1. Integrity requires that the way I live my life is whole, entire, undivided, sound, coherent, and principled. Integrity moves me to do _____ and new things—not just easy and _____ things.
 - a. difficult; accustomed
 - b. new; consistent
 - c. unconventional; untimed
 - d. challenging; quiet
2. The author of *A Child Called It* is
 - a. Jamison Waggle.
 - b. Dave Pelzer.
 - c. N.T. Worth.
 - d. Gary Soto.
3. What is the tone of the novel?
 - a. carefree and happy
 - b. informative and dry
 - c. intense and emotional
 - d. factual and technical
4. At the beginning of the novel David describes his mother as
 - a. a woman with high ideals and expectations.
 - b. a fun loving mom who did her best.
 - c. an active, creative, and loving mother.
 - d. all of the above

5. Child discipline can best be defined as _____
- child training.
 - using force to control behavior.
 - using harsh words or language to get your child to obey.
 - none of the above
6. Place the following events in chronological order:
- David is no longer allowed to sleep in the house. He is moved to the garage and forced to eat dish soap and food he has regurgitated.
 - David looked forward to his father being home. When he was, his life was peaceful.
 - David recalls his childhood prior to starting school. He considered his mother a caring and loving woman.
 - David starts getting in trouble at school. He is not allowed to eat at home so he does whatever he can to get food while there.
 - David's mother has begun to abuse him. She sends him to school with bruises and then tells him what to tell the authorities if he is questioned.
- 5, 3, 4, 2, 1
 - 5, 1, 4, 2, 3
 - 4, 5, 3, 2, 1
 - 4, 2, 3, 5, 1
7. *"David realized if he could stay alive he was _____"* (pg 42-43).
- getting the better of his mother
 - allowed to eat
 - winning
 - going to survive
8. *"...I stared at my father who turned away to avoid my pain. At that moment I hated Mother to no end, but I hated father even more"* (pg. 67). Why did David hate his father more than his mother?
- His father contributed to the abuse by giving his mother drinks.
 - His father did nothing to protect his son.
 - His father said and did nothing.
 - all of the above

Use the following excerpt to answer the questions that follow.

“My time tested story, ‘I lost my lunch, can you make me one?’ fell apart. Even before I left her house I knew she would call my mother.

That day at school I prayed for the world to end. As I fidgeted in the classrooms, I knew mother was lying on the couch, watching television, getting more drunk by the hour, while thinking of something hideous to do to me when I arrived at her house after school” (pg. 69).

9. In this passage the term fidgeted describes a feeling that is:
 - a. nervous or restless
 - b. still and relaxed
 - c. calm and collected
 - d. calm and thoughtful

10. The antonym of *hideous* is:
 - a. repulsive.
 - b. offensive.
 - c. delightful.
 - d. thoughtful.

Week 2 Assessment

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

1. What is the author's main purpose(s) in writing this novel?
 - a. to demonstrate the strength of the human spirit
 - b. to highlight the affect that abuse has on families and communities
 - c. to inform the reader about abuse
 - d. both A & C
 - e. both B & C
2. Integrity can be summarized as
 - a. being consistent in your actions.
 - b. doing the right thing when no one else is looking.
 - c. being sound in your moral and ethical code.
 - d. none of the above
3. The setting of "*A Child Called It*" is
 - a. any town in America.
 - b. the San Francisco Bay area.
 - c. a small suburban town in Iowa.
 - d. none of the above
4. "*Alone in the garage, I felt I was losing control of everything. I craved food. I wanted my father. But more than anything, I wanted just an ounce of respect; one little bit of _____*" (pg. 106). What did David desire?
 - a. food
 - b. security
 - c. rest
 - d. dignity

5. When David's mother referred to him as *It* what happened to him?
- a. He was stripped of his existence.
 - b. His dignity was taken away.
 - c. He realized her words were from her heart, not from the booze.
 - d. all of the above
6. What role did Kevin play in David's ability to survive?
- a. He was a source of hope and strength.
 - b. When he smiled at David he made his heart melt and helped him forget about his suffering.
 - c. The sound of his laughter filled his heart with warmth.
 - d. all of the above

Use the passage below to answer the questions that follow.

"I marvel at the wood, thinking how it reminds me of my former life. My beginning was extremely turbulent, being pushed and pulled in every direction. The more grisly my situation became, the more I felt as if some immense power were sucking me into a giant undertow" (pg. 156).

7. What feeling is most opposite to marvel as used above?
- a. surprise or adoration
 - b. amazement or bewilderment
 - c. indifferent
 - d. free
8. What word or phrase best describes the word turbulent above?
- a. violently agitated or disturbed
 - b. having a chaotic or restless character, tendency, or history
 - c. un-restful
 - d. none of the above

9. *"I am so lucky. My dark past is behind me now. As bad as it was, I knew even back, in the final analysis, my way of life would be up to me. I made a promise to myself that if I came out of my situation alive, I had to make something of myself. I would be the best person that I could be. Today I am. I made sure to let go of my past..."* (pg. 157). What did David have to do in order to move forward?

- a. appreciate others
- b. forget what happened
- c. accept that what happened was a small fraction of his life
- d. forgive his mother

10. Place the following events in chronological order:

- 1. School is out and David has few opportunities to feed himself.
- 2. Mother finds new ways/games to use to torture David. His brothers bring their friends over and they laugh at him—never knowing why he was being punished.
- 3. David's mother has a friend who becomes suspicious of the abuse. His mother breaks off their friendship.
- 4. David starts fourth grade. The teacher recognizes the abuse and refers him to the school nurse.
- 5. Mother gets mad and stabs him. His father refuses to help. The wound gets infected and he cares for it himself.

- a. 1, 5, 2, 4, 3
- b. 2, 1, 4, 3, 5
- c. 1, 5, 3, 2, 4
- d. 5, 3, 4, 1, 2

Assessment Answer Key

Week One

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

Week Two

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