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Assessment Week 1

1. “Then, when Feather moved on my stomach like one of those *mechanical* dolls in the store windows at Christmas, the tears dried up.”

at literary device is the author using in the passage above?

- a. Anecdote
 - b. Metaphor
 - c. Paradox
 - d. Simile
2. Referring to the passage above, the best antonym for the word *mechanical* would be
- a. automatic
 - b. beautiful
 - c. fake
 - d. natural
3. Which of the following is NOT one of Mary's rules?
- a. “If she hollers, she is mine.”
 - b. “If she needs to be changed, she is always mine.”
 - c. “It's time to grow up.”
 - d. “The mother should always raise the baby.”
4. According to K-Boy, “everything is different if there ain't no _____.”
- a. love.
 - b. mother.
 - c. sex.
 - d. Women.
5. What devastating news did Bobby receive on his sixteenth birthday?
- a. He is failing algebra, and has to re-take it next year.
 - b. His brother, who is in the army, was injured in Iraq.
 - c. His girlfriend, Nia, is pregnant.
 - d. His parents were getting a divorce.

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6. The below, which quote best explains the title of the novel?
- a. "I hate it that she cries first, before I do."
 - b. "I wonder if somebody threatened her that one day I'd love her and want to be with her all the time."
 - c. "They'd be all knowing in the beginning and innocent in the end."
 - d. "Too late, you're out of time. Be a grown up."
7. Bobby begins his story by describing how his mother made him feel safe when he was a child. How did she create that feeling, based on the writing?
- a. Always being there to talk about anything he needed help with.
 - b. Holding him close and giving him hugs when he was scared.
 - c. Singing to him all day and night.
 - d. Sitting with him in the dark when he couldn't sleep.
8. The best adjectives to describe Nia, her parents, and their home are
- a. colorful, fragrant, and loving.
 - b. joyful, sweet, and stifling.
 - c. modern, quiet, and reserved.
 - d. white, loud, and angry.
9. Bobby describes Just Frank as "a man, hangin' on the corner, drinking forties at ten in the morning." Did Bobby consider him a man.
- a. No, because he left his wife and child.
 - b. No, because he was drunk all the time, even when he died.
 - c. Yes, because he died trying to save a local girl from an attacker.
 - d. Yes, because he was strong, and could defend himself.
10. While Bobby considers himself an average teen boy, he is also extremely talented. Bobby's biggest talent is
- a. attracting pretty girls; he always has multiple girlfriends.
 - b. drawing and painting realistically.
 - c. music; he spends his weekends earning money playing in a band.
 - d. teaching young kids how to stay off the streets.



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Assessment Week 2

1. Bobby's parents do not adhere to traditional gender roles. Mary is the tough disciplinarian who teaches common sense and is emotionally distant, while Fred is the nurturing, emotional parent who nurtures his children with food and warmth. The author portrays them this way to
 - a. better illustrate the differences between Bobby and his girlfriend, Nia.
 - b. explain why Bobby has made such a mess of his life.
 - c. make the story more interesting.
 - d. prove to the reader that there is no one mold for a successful family.
 2. J. L. and K-Boy are shocked that Bobby is pregnant, because Mary always provided her sons with birth control. K-Boy's mother, on the other hand, was against educating her son about birth control at all. That Bobby, of the three, is the one who becomes a parent can best be described as
 - a. hilarious.
 - b. ironic.
 - c. sad.
 - d. unsurprising.
 3. "The hero is buzzed up to the castle with his buddies waiting outside. The *damself*'s parents are at friends' having brunch and she's all alone. No mama dragon at the gate. No three deeds to do in order to open it up."
- In the passage above, Bobby uses a(n) _____ to describe his perfect day.
- a. alliteration.
 - b. metaphor.
 - c. persuasive paragraph.
 - d. Simile.
4. Based on the above passage who is the *damself* in Bobby's fairy tale?
 - a. Bobby's mother, Mary
 - b. Feather
 - c. K-Boy's girlfriend
 - d. Nia
 5. Bobby is arrested for
 - a. child endangerment; he left Feather at home alone.
 - b. destroying a teacher's classroom by turning everything upside down.
 - c. fighting; he hit a guy who made fun of Nia because she was pregnant.
 - d. vandalism; he tagged a wall with a picture of a boy with a baby.

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6. The “then” chapters in the novel are examples of
- flashbacks.
 - historical fiction.
 - non-fiction.
 - autobiography.
7. “It’s been fourteen hours since I dropped my baby off at Coco’s house and I stepped into this.” Based on the information above, which character trait is Bobby *most* lacking at this point in the story?
- courage
 - honesty
 - prudence
 - responsibility
8. Which of the below best describes the overall theme of the story of Bobby’s fairy-tale day?
- Being a teen parent is easy.
 - Even when life is difficult, it can still be a beautiful thing if you have good friends.
 - Nature is great.
 - Nothing in life is as good as it seems; your friends will always betray you.
9. Which of the below is an example of Bobby’s integrity?
- “I took the easy way out and asked Coco to do me a favor.”
 - “I was up all night with Feather, who thinks two in the morning is party time.”
 - “I’ve been here all day. Way past school, and near the night.”
 - “Today we’re turning everything in Nelson’s room upside down.”
10. “There’ll be no sleep for you. There’s ten pounds of I need my daddy, a pissed-off mother, a disappointed neighbor waiting at home.”

In the passage above, Fred is referring to

- Diapers, the family dog, and Mary
- Feather, Mary, and Coco
- Feather, Mary, and Jackie
- Feather, Nia, and Coco



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Assessment Week 3

1. Throughout her pregnancy, Nia suffers from which medical condition?
 - a. High blood pressure.
 - b. Bulimia.
 - c. An irregular heart beat.
 - d. Breast cancer.

2. When Nia makes her decision about the baby, her parents' reaction can best be described as
 - a. disappointed.
 - b. excited.
 - c. irritated.
 - d. relieved.

3. Nia's parents say they want her to move to Georgia because
 - a. it will be better for the baby if Nia is away from Bobby.
 - b. she can go to a famous school for pregnant girls in Atlanta.
 - c. they are ashamed to have a pregnant teenage daughter.
 - d. they believe she will be under less stress there.

4. One of the consequences Bobby must face after his arrest is
 - a. Feather is put into a foster home.
 - b. he has to complete 100 hours of community service cleaning up graffiti.
 - c. he has to move in with his father.
 - d. the court requires him to attend weekly parenting classes.

5. In the last month of her pregnancy, Nia has dreams about living in a dirty nest. The author is using this dream to foreshadow
 - a. something bad is going to happen to Nia.
 - b. Nia will change her mind and want to create a home for her baby.
 - c. the pain of labor a mother must go through.
 - d. none of the above.

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6. “It’s the right thing. Everybody says so, and I want to believe the shit everybody says. I want to believe it’s *unselfish*. I want to believe none of this is supposed to be about me.”

Based on the passage above, a good simile for the word *unselfish* would be

- a. dangerous.
 - b. evil.
 - c. generous.
 - d. stingy.
7. In the above passage, Bobby is telling the reader
- a. that everyone is lying to him and Nia.
 - b. that he only wants to give up the baby up for adoption so his life can go back to normal.
 - c. that he thinks the right think would have been for Nia to have an abortion.
 - d. that keeping the baby is the right thing to do.
8. fore the baby is born, Nia and Bobby decide to
- a. break up, and share custody of the baby.
 - b. continue to discuss their options; they can't decide what to do.
 - c. get married and raise the baby themselves.
 - d. give the baby up for adoption.
9. The conflict in *The First Part Last* is
- a. External: Man v. Man
 - b. Internal: Man v. Himself
 - c. External: Man v. Nature
 - d. None of the above



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Final Assessment Week 4

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7. Turns out Bobby is raising Feather because
- a. Nia is brain dead because something went wrong during Feather's delivery.
 - b. Nia isn't interested in being a parent, but visits Feather occasionally.
 - c. Nia wanted to give her up for adoption and have nothing more to do with her.
 - d. Nia's parents made her move to Georgia without Bobby or Feather.
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11. At the end of the novel, Bobby decides to
- give Feather back to Nia to raise; she'll make a better parent than he has.
 - give Feather up for adoption after all; he thinks she'll be better off with two parents.
 - leave feather with his dad to raise, and go away to college.
 - move with Feather to a town out in the country called Heaven, where his brother lives.
12. The "then" chapters in the novel are examples of
- flashbacks.
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13. "It's been fourteen hours since I dropped my baby off at Coco's house and I stepped into this." Based on the information above, which character trait is Bobby lacking at this point in the story?
- courage
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14. "I can't ever be a knight or brave, so I ask nothing about brain death or eclampsia or why the girl who had a thousand pair of sunglasses and my baby inside her won't ever walk, talk, or smile again. And I have to say *irreversible* vegetative coma five times, like a tongue twister, to believe it."
- In the passage above, the word *irreversible* most closely means
- having only one side.
 - hopeful.
 - permanent.
 - possible to reverse, or undo.
15. In the above passage, Bobby indicates that he is not brave. However, he shows true courage by
- choosing to be a father to Feather.
 - yelling at the doctors for letting Nia get sick.
 - running away from Feather to live in Heaven.
 - giving his daughter up for adoption in the end.



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16. the below, which quote best explains the title of the novel?
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 - d. "Too late, you're out of time. Be a grown up."
17. The novel falls into the Integrity Theme. *"Integrity Requires Wholeness. Integrity requires that the way I live my life is whole, entire, undivided, sound, coherent, and principled. Integrity moves me to do difficult things not just easy and accustomed."* Why do you think this book met criteria to represent Integrity?
- a. Bobby becomes the best dad ever.
 - b. From the beginning, Bobby was well rounded and lived by a set of high ideals.
 - c. The characters chose to do the right thing when no one else was looking
 - d. The main character, Bobby, in the novel is challenged to do difficult things. He chooses to follow the difficult path, not the easy path.
18. Which of the following is NOT one of Mary's rules?
- a. "If she hollers, she is mine."
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20. What devastating news did Bobby receive on his sixteenth birthday?
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Answer Key

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