

Character-Based Literacy Program Assessment

Flowers for Algernon, Week 1



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

Name:

Date:

Period:

1. Who recommended Charlie to the research team?
 - a. Joe Carp
 - b. Mr. Donner
 - c. Alice Kinnian
 - d. Dr. Strauss
2. What does the Rorschach Assessment measure?
 - a. Personality
 - b. Motivation to learn
 - c. Social and emotional skills
 - d. Character values
3. Who gave consent to Charlie's operation?
 - a. Charlie's father
 - b. Charlie's mother
 - c. Charlie's sister
 - d. Charlie's teacher
4. Why was the surgery risky?
 - a. The surgery has never been performed on humans.
 - b. Funding for treatment was not fully secured.
 - c. Charlie was not in good health.
 - d. Charlie did not have a family to take care of him.
5. Why did Charlie lose his job at the bakery?
 - a. His performance was not satisfactory.
 - b. He got caught stealing from his boss.
 - c. He got into fights with co-workers.
 - d. His co-workers were intimidated by the change in Charlie.
6. The word *preliminary* most closely means
 - a. Certain
 - b. Verified
 - c. Initial
 - d. Positive

7. What made Charlie feel resentful at the International Psychological Convention?
 - a. The research team did not show how much progress he made.
 - b. The research team did not present about Charlie's own research.
 - c. The research team did not get enough time to present.
 - d. The research team did not respect Charlie's right for privacy and dignity.
8. The word *exigencies* most closely means
 - a. Needs
 - b. Patients
 - c. Studies
 - d. Expectations
9. Why did Charlie ask for a grant from the Wellberg Foundation?
 - a. He did not have a job.
 - b. He wanted to research his own surgery.
 - c. He wanted to develop a new treatment for intellectual disabilities.
 - d. He wanted to prove that Professor Nemur was wrong.
10. The word *permanence* most closely means
 - a. Success
 - b. Sarcasm
 - c. Stability
 - d. Solitude

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Flowers for Algernon, Week 2



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1. What risky habits did Charlie develop in New York City?
 - a. Watching too much TV
 - b. Talking to strangers
 - c. Drinking too much alcohol
 - d. Being too careless with money
2. What does Charlie want Professor Nemur to understand?
 - a. Charlie was a person before the operation.
 - b. Charlie didn't really want to get smarter.
 - c. Charlie knows about the operation more than the research team does.
 - d. Charlie has no interest in submitting his progress reports.
3. Why is Professor Nemur mad at Charlie?
 - a. He thinks that Charlie does not work hard enough.
 - b. He thinks that Charlie is ungrateful and arrogant.
 - c. He thinks that Charlie is sabotaging the experiment.
 - d. He thinks that Charlie is lacking self-esteem.
4. What does Bertha Nemur accuse Charlie of doing?
 - a. Taking credit for her husband's work.
 - b. Not cooperating with her husband's team.
 - c. Not appreciating the science behind the experimental surgery.
 - d. Not talking with the funders of the research lab.
5. The word *inexplicable* most closely means
 - a. Insignificant
 - b. Obvious
 - c. Drunk
 - d. Hard to explain
6. The word *precaution* most closely means
 - a. Safety measures
 - b. Criticism
 - c. Preparedness
 - d. Countermeasures

7. What is the Algernon–Gordon Effect?
 - a. The speed of deterioration of artificially-induced intelligence is a function of the speed of its initial increase.
 - b. The speed of deterioration of artificially-induced intelligence is a function of the quantity of increase.
 - c. The speed of deterioration of artificially-induced intelligence is a function of the age of the patient at the time of increase.
 - d. The speed of deterioration of artificially-induced intelligence is a function of the Rorschach test scores at the time of increase.
8. Once he learned about his imminent regression, how did Charlie feel?
 - a. He was angry at Dr. Strauss and Professor Nemur for not being well prepared for the experiment.
 - b. He was disappointed that Dr. Strauss and Professor Nemur did not sufficiently validate their findings on animals.
 - c. He was appreciative of the courage of Dr. Strauss and Professor Nemur to experiment with a human subject.
 - d. He reassured Dr. Strauss and Professor Nemur that he did not blame them for the results of the experiments.
9. Why did Charlie go back to work at the bakery?
 - a. He missed the smell of freshly baked goods.
 - b. He wanted to qualify for financial aid.
 - c. He wanted to pay for his living costs by himself.
 - d. He wanted to be with his best friends.
10. Which of the following abilities Charlie did *not* lose?
 - a. Memory
 - b. Motor skills
 - c. Reading and writing skills
 - d. Optimism

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Flowers for Algernon, Answer Keys



Week 1

1. c
2. a
3. c
4. a
5. d
6. c
7. d
8. a
9. b
- 10.c

Week 2

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. d
6. a
7. b
8. d
9. c
- 10.d