



Big Book 1 Midterm Test

Units 01-10

A. Choose the right answer to fill in each blank from the box.

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1. Suddenly, a mouse ran across the lion's tail.
2. If you put me back into the river, I will grow big and fat.
3. The witch locked Hansel in a cage.
4. Captain Cook was afraid of an alligator.
5. Worms live in dirt, and they do not have arms or legs.
6. If you lose the ability to smell, you also lose the ability to taste food.
7. These people climb a ladder to get inside their house.
8. Billy woke up and found his parents working busily.
9. The Mississippi River begins in Minnesota and flows to the Gulf of Mexico.
10. The Liberty Bell hangs in a building in the American city of Philadelphia.

B. Match each word or phrase to its correct definition.

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| 11. forest | • | | • | a. a child without a mother or father |
| 12. dinner | • | | • | b. a person who does work for another |
| 13. servant | • | | • | c. having a high temperature |
| 14. orphan | • | | • | d. not new |
| 15. happy | • | | • | e. a piece of land with lots of trees |
| 16. old | • | | • | f. to form a question |
| 17. hot | • | | • | g. not dry |
| 18. ask | • | | • | h. feeling good |
| 19. wet | • | | • | i. to cause a bell to make a sound |
| 20. ring | • | | • | j. the last meal of the day |

C. Read and answer.**[21-22]****Hansel and Gretel**

A poor woodcutter had two children, Hansel and Gretel. One night, the woodcutter's wife told him to leave Hansel and Gretel in the woods to die. Then she and the woodcutter would have more to eat.

Hansel heard his parents talking. The next day, Hansel dropped stones along the road as they were led into the woods. That night, the children followed the stones home.

Once again, the woodcutter left his children in the woods. This time, Hansel dropped bread on the road. But sadly, some birds ate the bread.

Hansel and Gretel were lost. They walked until they found a house made of candy. The children were hungry. They started to eat the candy house. A bad witch lived in the house. The witch locked Hansel in a cage and she made Gretel become her servant.

One day, the witch asked Gretel to check the fire. Gretel decided to trick the witch. She asked the witch to show her how to check the fire. As the witch stood near the fire, Gretel pushed her in and killed her.

21. What is this story about?

- a. A poor woodcutter and his two children
- b. A witch who lived in the woods
- c. Two children who find a candy house**
- d. A man who gets lost in the woods

22. Read and choose the correct answer.

Gretel decided to _____ the witch.

- a. trick**
- b. pull
- c. lock
- d. ask

[23-25]

The Mississippi River

Have you heard of the Mississippi River? It's the biggest river in North America. The river is more than two thousand miles long! It begins in Minnesota and flows to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Mississippi River is an important waterway. Native Americans depended on the river for many things. Native Americans used the Mississippi River to travel. They floated up and down the river in canoes. This allowed the Native Americans to explore new places.

Native Americans also used the river to water their crops. Sometimes, the Mississippi River would flood. This made nearby fields wet. These wet fields were good for growing vegetables and grains.

Today, the Mississippi River is still an important waterway. Ships transport goods along the river. The river still provides water for growing crops. Many people also use the river for water sports. Today, people can float, paddle, and swim in the Mississippi River.

23. What is the main idea of this reading?

- a. Native Americans liked the Mississippi River.
- b. The Mississippi is a long river.
- c. People can swim in the Mississippi.
- d. The Mississippi is an important river.**

24. What is false according to the reading?

- a. The Mississippi is the biggest river in North America.
- b. Native Americans used the Mississippi for many things.
- c. People cannot swim in the Mississippi River.**
- d. Ships transport goods along the river.

25. What is the name of the boat Native Americans used to float up and down the river?

- a. a ship
- b. a canoe**
- c. a crop
- d. a waterway

D. Read and write.**Homes**

There are different types of houses all over the world. Some houses are made of mud, and others are made of snow. Some houses are built high in the air, and other houses float on water. What does your house look like?

Deserts can be very hot. People who live in deserts sometimes have homes made of mud. This is because mud helps keep the inside of a house cool.

Other people live in very cold places. An igloo is a type of house built from ice and snow! The packed snow keeps cold air from blowing into the house!

Other people live on the ocean. Some of these people build their homes high in the air. They do this by building their home on stilts. Stilts are long poles. These people climb a ladder to get inside their house! Other people live on boats. Their homes can float! Which house do you want to live in?

Complete the sentence with the correct words from the reading.

26. Some houses are made of mud, and others are made of snow.

Some houses are made of mud, and others are made of snow.

27. Some houses are built high in the air, and other houses float on water.

Some houses are built high in the air, and other houses float on water.

Correct the underlined part and rewrite the sentence.

28. An igloo is a type of house built from ice and water.

An igloo is a type of house built from ice and snow.

29. Some of these people build their homes low in the air.

Some of these people build their homes high in the air.

30. Stilts are short poles.

Stilts are long poles.