A Short Exam of Short Stories

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Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The feeling or atmosphere created when reading a story is called the

**a. mood.**

b. conflict.

 c. climax.

d. setting.

2. The plot of a story starts off with the

  a. climax.

  b. rising action.

c. conflict.

**d. exposition.**

3. The most exciting part of a story is called the

  a. conflict.

b. falling action.

  c. resolution.

**d. climax.**

4. The moral or lesson to be learned in a story is called the

a. conflict.

b. mood.

c. sequencing.

**d. theme.**

5. Identify the following external conflict in “The Most Dangerous Game;”

**\_\_\_\_Rainsford\_\_\_** vs. \_\_\_**The forest\_\_\_**

(human) (nature)

6. The setting of Saki’s “The Interlopers” contributes to the theme of the story by

a. hinting that most people do not appreciate nature.

**b. showing that nature is unconcerned with human desires.**

c. suggesting that people can overcome nature if they work hard.

d. implying that nature will help people if they try to get along.

7. The conflict between Georg and Ulrich is about

a. who is the better hunter.

b. whose estate is larger.

**c. who owns a piece of land.**

d. who should be freed first.

8. At the end of Hemmingway’s “Hills Like White Elephants,” the girl can best be described as

a. loving and trusting.

b. hopeful and optimistic.

**c. resigned and defeated.**

d. relieved and at peace.

9. In what current state does London’s “To Build a Fire” take place?

a. New York

b. North Dakota

c. The Yukon

**d. Alaska**

10. Twain’s “The Invalid’s Story” involves a case of mistaken identity. A box of \_\_\_\_\_ was mistaken for the coffin containing the body of the narrator’s friend.

a. cheese

**b. guns**

c. chicken feathers

d. cigars

11. “The Invalid’s Story” is set in winter to

a. explain why the train ride was slow

b. create a cheerless mood.

c. describe how the narrator’s friend died.

**d. provide more opportunity for exaggeration.**

12. The setting of Bradbury’s “There Will Come Soft Rains” is also the

a. plot

b. theme

**c. main character**

d. narrator

13. In O. Henry’s “Gift of the Magi,” Della wants a proper watch chain for Jim because his beautiful watch only has an old

**a. leather strap**

b. worn ribbon

c. faded band

d. broken buckle

14. The theme of this story is that Jim and Della’s love for each other is much more valuable than any

**a. material gift**

b. expensive dinner

c. person’s opinion

d. verbal expressions of love

15. The different types of conflict are

\_\_\_human\_\_\_ vs. **\_\_\_human\_\_\_**

\_\_\_human\_\_\_ vs. **\_\_\_nature\_\_\_**

\_\_\_human\_\_\_ vs. **\_\_\_society\_\_\_**

\_\_\_human\_\_\_ vs. \_\_**\_\_\_self\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_human\_\_\_ vs. **\_\_\_human\_\_\_**

16. The turning point of Hawthorne’s “The Birthmark” occurs when

**a. Georgiana drinks from the goblet given to her by Aylmer.**

b. Georgiana looks into the mirror and gives a long smile.

c. Georgiana whispers, “I’m dying” to Aylmer and takes her last breath.

d. Aylmer suggests to Georgiana that she would be more lovely without the

mark.

17. The main theme of “The Birthmark” is

a. science cannot solve all humankind’s imperfections.

b. love conquers all.

**c. life will always have imperfections.**

d. marriages don’t always workout.

Please write up to three paragraphs for each of the following questions.

18. What might be the significance of the main character’s name in London’s “To Build a Fire?”

**Students must note the character was never named.**

19. What was your favorite short story we read during this unit? Why?

20. What element of short stories do you feel is most important? Why?