

# Short Stories Unit Exam - Advanced Class

Mr. Broviak - Do not write on this test

## The Necklace

- Why doesn't the wife want to go to the party?
  - She lost her only nice jewelry
  - She has nothing nice to wear
  - Her husband makes fun of her
  - She feels she goes to too many parties
- WHERE is the final setting in the story?
- How does this story demonstrate irony?
  - The rich lady had a fake necklace
  - She lost the expensive necklace
  - She didn't recognize her at the end
  - It took ten years to replace the necklace
  - Because it was in that song by Alanis
- What would be the best THEME for the story?
  - Attractive people should be rich
  - Always tell the truth about mistakes
  - Never borrow clothes from other people
  - Don't stay up late at parties
  - It has to do with sour-flavored pickles
- The first column of the story that describes Mathilda and how she feels is an example of?
  - Exposition
  - Foreshadowing
  - Suspense
  - Rising Action
  - It is all of the above answers this time.
- What would be the point of view for the story?
- Which of the following is **NOT** a good example of the plot from the story?
  - Mathilda's actions lead to the family's misery
  - Mrs. Forestier tries to be helpful with jewelry
  - Mr. Loisel gives up on Mathilda's selfishness
  - Paying off necklace takes nearly ten years
- From the story, what does the word "fickle" mean back side, 3<sup>rd</sup> column, 6<sup>th</sup> P)?
  - Easily changed with little effort
  - Fortunate or to have lots of luck
  - Strange, odd or queer
  - To destroy or take away value from
  - A "free pickle". I eat Fickles all the time at state fairs. They're delicious.

## The Lady or the Tiger

- Why does the gardener's son not choose a door?
  - The King tells him which door to take
  - He knows which door has the tiger
  - He trusts the princess to choose
  - He dies before he gets a chance
  - He was distracted by the nasty pickle

## The Story of the Fisherman

- Which is the most important EXternal conflict?
- The archaic language is very important in this story. What does it demonstrate between the characters?

## After Twenty Years

- What is the BEST Theme in the story?
  - Revenge – Jimmy sends Bob to jail
  - Loyalty – Each person is loyal to something
  - Deception – Plainclothesman and Jimmy
  - Time –Story takes place 20 years later
  - Blue – Everyone loves a Blue Monkey
- What are the TWO ways that Bob can tell the officer is not his friend Jimmy?

## The Seven Elements

- Which of the seven elements is described when Charlie learns that "ignorance is bliss" and it doesn't always pay to try and get what other people have in Flowers for Algernon?
- Which of the seven elements is described when Tessie has to decide whether to stay in town or run for her life?
- Which of the seven elements is described when we discover the speaker in Black Cat is telling us what happened to him personally as he recounts the story?

## Retrieved Reformation

- Why does Jimmy Valentine give up safe-cracking?
- Aside from this story, what other story that we read dealt with a girl being closed up into a tight space?

- What would be the best theme for the story?
  - Good deeds will be repaid
  - Robbing banks is a bad life
  - Love is wonderful
  - Don't give up your bad habits
  - Don't eat pickles you have found on the ground

20. Aside from this story and After Twenty Years, what other story that we read focused on the main character reading a note that affects the outcome of the plot?

## The Landlady

- What is the **Point of View** of the story?
- Which INternal conflict has the **LEAST** impact on the story?
  - Gregory Temple – stay OR go somewhere else
  - The porter – suggest pub OR somewhere else.
  - Billy – Bell & Dragon OR the landlady's place
  - Landlady – kill Billy OR let him live
  - Right there. Where I'm pointing. See it?
- What is **NOT** an example of foreshadowing?
  - She stresses that Billy sign the register
  - The tea has a bitter almond taste
  - There are no other coats in the closet
  - The stuffed dachshund's name is Basil

## The Lottery

- Why does the town continue to run the lottery even though it results in a murder?
  - It is tradition, everyone has always done it.
  - The black box forces them to do it.
  - This town is just full of crazy people
  - Everyone wants to get the prize for themselves.
- Which of the following clues was NOT an example of foreshadowing in the story?
  - Old Man Warner "surviving" 77 lotteries
  - The boys making piles of rocks
  - The town only had 300 people in it
  - Some towns are "giving up" the lottery
- What is the **Point of View** of the story?

### **Name that Character**

For numbers 27-29, name which character is being described from one of our stories.

27. Has the internal conflict of whether to volunteer for an operation to increase his intelligence or continue going to Ms. Kinnian's Nigh School classes.

28. Is one half of the external conflict of her story when she loans a good friend a necklace to help her out and then it turns out the necklace wasn't worth much money.

29. He learns from the theme of his story that when you make good choices in your life good things will happen to you even if you've been a criminal in the past. It's never too late to change.

### **Locker Junkie**

30. What does the object in Victoria's locker make Zach think?

- a. She has a crush on him
- b. She will tell on him
- c. She is safely at home
- d. She will die soon
- e. She is a weird rebel

31. What is Zach's most important conflict?

- a. Give teacher what he found or toss it
- b. Keep the gummi worms or leave them
- c. Go back to class or look for another locker
- d. Be a good kid or steal from lockers
- e. Have a Snickers or be really satisfied

### **Black Cat**

32. At the end of the story, from what SETTING do we discover the speaker has been telling us the entire story?

33. What would be the best theme for the story?

- a. No one can get away with murder
- b. Black cats are evil
- c. Alcoholism can destroy your life
- d. Don't abuse your pets
- e. The counting of numbers using letters

### **All Stories – Foreshadow, Irony or Suspense**

For numbers 34 – 40, tell what the part of the story being described is an example of. Each will be used TWICE except for letter D which will only be used ONCE.

- a. Foreshadowing
- b. Irony
- c. Suspense
- d. None of the above

34. In The Necklace, we discover that Mr. Loisel has exactly \$400 saved up that he can give to his wife for the new dress.

35. In Locker Junkie, Zach discovers Victoria's locker was empty and very clean like she never planned on coming back to it.

36. In The Necklace, Mme. Forrester explains how the jewelry that Mathilda has been working years to pay off was actually a fake one.

37. In Lady or the Tiger, the gardener's son walks into the arena and looks at the princess who points to a door. The boy boldly walks up to the door and rips it open...

38. In Flowers for Algernon we see that Algernon is losing the ability to be smart and the surgery wasn't the perfect operation that they thought it was.

39. In The Lottery, we have to wait as each family pulls out a paper, and then we wait again as each family member pulls a paper before we know the prize.

40. In the Black Cat the speaker tells us how much of an animal lover he is, and how he goes out of his way to be nice to them. And then at the end of the story, one leads to his death.

### **What part of the "mountain" is it?**

For numbers 41 – 45, tell whether the part of the story being described is an example of the following. Each will only be used once.

- a. Exposition
- b. Rising Action
- c. Climax
- d. Falling Action
- e. Resolution

41. In Flowers for Algernon we discover that Charlie is a man with a very low IQ, who has worked hard and has volunteered to be in a scientific experiment.

42. In the Black Cat, we realize that the narrator is a bit insane, and the cat is obviously haunting him. He then grabs an axe and accidentally kills his wife instead of his tormentor.

43. In the Story of the Fisherman, after the fisherman has tricked the genie back into the bottle, the genie tries to negotiate a way out.

44. In the Lottery, a man in each family is called up to the box to pull out their paper, and we follow the background conversations as we get to the last one.

45. In The Necklace, Mme. Forrester explains to Mathilda about how the necklace was fake, and she implies that the last several years have probably been wasted.