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Esperanza Rising Final Test

Multiple Choice and True/False:

Directions: Circle only one correct answer for each multiple-choice question listed below.

1. What was the name of the ranch Esperanza lived on in Mexico?
 - a. Esperanza Ranch
 - b. El Rancho de las Rosas
 - c. Sixto Ranch
 - d. Ramona Ranch
2. What is the name of the river that runs between Miguel and Esperanza?
 - a. Rio Grande
 - b. Brazos River
 - c. Red River
 - d. There is no real river between them.
3. What did Abuelita weave into her blanket?
 - a. Silly String
 - b. Hair
 - c. Hay
 - d. Roses
4. Why did the ranch get burned down?
 - a. The bandits wanted money.
 - b. Tio Luis wanted the land.
 - c. Tio Luis wanted Esperanza to marry him.
 - d. Tio Luis wanted Esperanza's mother to marry him.
5. Who burned El Rancho de las Rosas down?
 - a. Tio Luis
 - b. Alfonso
 - c. Miguel
 - d. The Bandits
6. What did Senor Rodriguez bring to disguise his visits to the ranch?
 - a. Onions
 - b. Avocados
 - c. Papayas
 - d. Grapes
7. What type of storm occurred soon after they moved to California?
 - a. A blizzard
 - b. A hurricane
 - c. A dust storm
 - d. A tornado

8. What did Miguel and Alfonso surprise Esperanza and her mother with when they arrived in California?
- a. Papa safe and sound
 - b. A beautiful house
 - c. Cuttings from Papa's roses
 - d. Abuelita
9. Why did Esperanza help Marta when she was in trouble?
- a. She always helps people in need.
 - b. She thought of Marta's mother and couldn't leave her alone.
 - c. She and Marta were friends.
 - d. She knew that Marta would have helped her if she had been in trouble.
10. What was Esperanza's chore when they first got to California?
- a. Teaching Isabel to read.
 - b. Packing asparagus.
 - c. Taking care of the babies.
 - d. Picking grapes.
11. What happened to Esperanza's mother after the dust storm?
- a. She died.
 - b. She lost her job.
 - c. She went back to Mexico.
 - d. She became ill.
12. What did they move to California to do?
- a. Live with friends.
 - b. Work as farm workers.
 - c. Marry Tio Luis.
 - d. None of the Above.
13. Why can't Miguel and Esperanza be more than friends?
- a. She is already engaged to another boy.
 - b. She is going to be a nun.
 - c. He wants to be a train mechanic.
 - d. He is the servants' son.
14. What did they find when they arrived in California?
- a. Alfonso's family had moved.
 - b. They found a very small house and a job.
 - c. They couldn't get a job because they were Mexican.
 - d. The job had been taken by another family.
15. What did Marta get involved with?
- a. Bandits
 - b. Illegal Immigration
 - c. Strikers
 - d. Teaching

16. Where did Miguel always want to work?
- a. At a factory
 - b. At the railroad
 - c. On a farm
 - d. At a gas station
17. Which person did NOT travel to California with Esperanza?
- a. Ramona
 - b. Hortensia
 - c. Abuelita
 - d. Alfonso
18. Who got Abuelita out of Mexico?
- a. Miguel
 - b. Alfonso
 - c. Pepe
 - d. Lupe
19. When the woman came on the train, what was in her wired cage?
- a. Three Dogs
 - b. Seven Cats
 - c. Six Red Hens
 - d. Two Ducks
20. What nickname does Miguel call Esperanza?
- a. Sixto
 - b. Anza
 - c. Juan
 - d. Espera
21. Esperanza and her family wanted to strike?
- a. True
 - b. False
22. Flat characters can be dynamic.
- a. True
 - b. False
23. Round characters can be dynamic.
- a. True
 - b. False
24. A protagonist in a story is almost always a round character.
- a. True
 - b. False
25. Flat characters show a range of emotions and feelings.
- a. True
 - b. False

Matching:

Directions: Write the correct letter of the definition on the line in front of the name that matches the definition. There is only one definition for each name. All the letters will be used and each letter will only be used once.

26. D Sixto Ortega A. The eight-year-old daughter of Juan and Josafina.
27. E Ramona Ortega B. Miguel's father.
28. H Abuelita C. Thirteen-year-old girl who is the protagonist.
29. C Esperanza Ortega D. Esperanza's father.
30. G Miguel E. Esperanza's mother who becomes very ill.
31. I Marisol F. Miguel's mother.
32. B Alfonso G. The son of Alfonso and Hortensia.
33. F Hortensia H. Esperanza's grandmother and Ramona's mother.
34. A Isabel I. Esperanza's best friend in Mexico.
35. J Marta J. The striker girl who is not nice to Esperanza.

Fill in the Blank:

Directions: On the line to the left of the name, write a **D** = Dynamic or **S** = Static.

36. D Esperanza
37. S Miguel
38. D Mama (Ramona)
39. S Tio Luis
40. S Marta
41. S Isabel

Vocabulary Definitions:

Directions: Using the word bank listed below, write the correct word on the line to the left of the definition.

- Protagonist
- Dynamic
- Point of View
- Antagonist
- Flat
- Third Person
- Static
- Round
- First Person

42. antagonist A.K.A. "the bad guy," but better thought of as the opponent of the protagonist or the central character.
43. flat A character who is characterized by one or two character traits.
44. static Is a character that does change in the course of the story, remaining essentially the same at the end as he or she was at the beginning.
45. first person The narrator uses the pronoun I and tells the story from their own perspectives.
46. protagonist The central character, or the one whose name come to mind when you ask the question, "Whose story is this?"
47. point of view Is the perspective from which a story is told.
48. dynamic This character is one that does undergo an important change in the course of the story.
49. round One who is complex and perhaps even contradictory and has several character traits.
50. third person The narrator uses pronouns such as he or she to refer to characters.

Short Answer:

Directions: On the lines below each question, write your answer in complete sentences. In order to receive full credit, you need to write 2-3 complete sentences unless otherwise stated.

From what point of view is *Esperanza Rising* told? Explain why you think this point of view is best for the story.

5 The novel is told in third person. The narrator only has access to Esperanza's thoughts. (Accept any logical opinion about why it is best.)

What happened to some of the people on the train when they reached the border at Mexicali?

5 Some of the people were sent back to Mexico. They had ridden the train all that way just to be sent back.

Discuss the Mexican proverb at the beginning of the book and how it relates to the story: *He who falls today may rise tomorrow*. Explain your answer with examples from the book.

5 This proverb is the major theme of the book. The story shows the reader that despite set backs, people can overcome anything. For example, Esperanza loses everything in Mexico, but is able to start a new life in America.

Which is more important to Esperanza? Explain one choice in a minimum of 2-3 sentences. Use at least one example from the book to support your answer. Circle the letter you chose.

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- A. Her pride and dignity
 - B. Keeping her family together

Answers will vary - accept logical answers.

Compare the two train rides - the one Esperanza and Miguel took as young children and the one they take to California. What is significant about the description of the earlier train ride in the story? Write at least one sentence in each box below. Think of three examples for each topic.

Train ride as young children.	Train ride to America.
1. The children were dressed in fine clothes.	1. Everyone was dressed in ragged hand me downs.
2. They rode in the fine dining car.	2. They rode in the dirty cargo area.
3. They ate wonderful and delicious food.	3. They ate the provisions they had packed before they left.

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Accept any other logical answers.

Essay:

Directions: Write at least one paragraph on the lines below. In order to receive full credit, you will need at least 4-5 complete sentences, supported by details from the story.

What do you predict will happen to Esperanza and her family in 10 years? Describe their life with details in 4-5 complete sentences.

Accept any logical and reasonable answer.
Must relate to the story.

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Plot Diagram:

Directions: Complete the plot diagram for the entire story of *Esperanza Rising*. (Hint: There are 5 events - the exposition (the introduction), the rising action, the climax (the turning point), the falling action, and the resolution (the conclusion)).

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