SHOOFLY PIE

Selection Test A

Comprehension

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer. (6 points each)

1. Why is Mattie sad at the beginning of the story?
   A. She needs to find a job.
   B. Johnny is at his grandmother’s.
   C. Her mother recently died.
   D. She broke a jar of honey.

2. When Mattie first visits the Good for You Restaurant, the chef and the owner are both away because
   A. it is summer and they are on vacation
   B. there has been a death in each family
   C. business at the restaurant is slow
   D. they are looking for new menu ideas

3. Mattie thinks she will get along with the other workers at the restaurant because
   A. her boss is very nice
   B. she likes to work hard
   C. she is a very good cook
   D. everyone there is sad

4. Which of the following words best describes Riyad?
   A. understanding
   B. foolish
   C. lonely
   D. selfish

5. When Mattie and Johnny first meet, they
   A. argue often
   B. fall in love
   C. become friends
   D. share a meal

6. Mattie’s first impression of Johnny is that he is
   A. shy
   B. rude
   C. helpful
   D. understanding

7. Both Mattie and Johnny can be described as
   A. friendly
   B. arrogant
   C. capable
   D. curious

8. Mattie’s eyes fill with tears when Johnny makes a comment that mentions her
   A. cooking
   B. attitude
   C. appearance
   D. mother
9. Mattie and Johnny’s relationship changes when
   A. she makes changes to the soup list
   B. he stops seeing his former girlfriend
   C. she tells him her mother died
   D. he starts making Shoofly pie

10. Which sentence from the story reveals that Johnny is a nice person?
   A. “He also wore an incredibly tight pair of faded jeans.”
   B. “Johnny always stared at her as if he needed an interpreter.”
   C. “He was staring at the top of her head as if she had two horns erupting.”
   D. “He seemed to have softened somehow, like beans left to soak.”

Written Response

Short Response  Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the story. Write a sentence or two on a separate sheet of paper. (10 points each)

11. Why does Mattie offer to make dinner by herself when she is twelve?

12. What does Mattie hope to do with Johnny after they stop working together?

Extended Response  Answer the following question based on your knowledge of the story. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

13. How do Mattie’s feelings for Johnny change from their first meeting to the end of the story? Provide two examples from the story in your answer.