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## Things Fall Apart Quiz World Literature - Winter 2017

1. The title of the novel	refers to a	poem about
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- a. social destructiveness of colonial policies
- b. chaos that will accompany the return of Jesus Christ during the apocalypse
- c. end of a man's life and his descent into a hellish underworld
- d. clash between competing civilizations

2. (	Okonkwo's mother's village is	, and his father's village is	
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- a. Abame; Umuofia
- b. Umuofia; Abanta
- c. Mbanta; Umuofia
- d. Umuofia; Abame
- 3. Who is Nwoye (Okonkwo's son) most like?
  - a. Ikemefuna
  - b. His father
  - c. His mother
  - d. His grandfather
- 4. What did Uchende, Okonkwo's mother's younger brother, want Okonkwo to understand about his mother's kinsmen after the exile from his father's village?
  - a. Uchende explains that, as his mother's kinsmen, they cannot serve Okonkwo and his family for a long period of time.
  - b. Uchende rebukes Okonkwo for his lack of gratitude towards his mother's kinsmen for the way they have comforted and served him and his family.
  - c. Uchende tells Okonkwo a story about the way a child sought refuge in his father's hut to explain the origin of the name "Nneka."
  - d. Uchende reminds Okonkwo of the time he came to his mother's village to bury his mother after her death, and how Uchende sang the traditional farewell song.

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- 5. When men are negotiating or talking business, they do all of the following
  - a. Eat kola nuts
  - b. Drink palm wine
  - c. Smoke from the long-pipe
  - d. Exchange proverbs
- 6. What do the villagers who first convert to the new Christian religion have in common?
  - a. They are all elderly villagers.
  - b. They are powerless in the village.
  - c. They are all men of title.
  - d. They truly believe in the new God.
- 7. What caused Nwoye to be interested in the new religion the white, European missionaries brought?
  - a. The "mad logic of the trinity" captivated him even though he did not understand it.
  - b. The new religion helped explain his father's behavior and treatment of others.
  - c. The poetry of the new religion caused him to feel relief within his "parched soul."
  - d. The new religion brought him hope about about where Ikemefuna and the twins were.
- 8. In "Marriage is a Private Affair," why does Nene press Nnaemeka to write his father about their engagement despite Nnaemeka's reluctance to do so?
  - a. She is eager to meet Nnaemeka's father.
  - b. She has already told her own family.
  - c. She does not want to have a wedding shower in Nnaemeka's village.
  - d. She does not understand why the news will be a shock.
- 9. Which vocabulary word is being used correctly according to its definition?
  - a. The **miscreants** did not have any sense as to why what they were doing helped others.
  - b. **Inadvertently**, she arrived tardy to her meeting for the second time that week.
  - c. Unfortunately, the **capricious** sweater made Jill feel hideous every time she wore it.
  - d. He **brandished** the wine glasses with great care to get ready for the night's event.

10. Which of the following sentences demonstrates a correct usage of the words "accept" and "except," according to standard English?

- a. I had to accept all the conditions, except for the fourth and fifth ones, according to my lawyer.
- b. I had to except the consequences for my actions. All of my teachers knew what I had done, accept for my Turkish teacher.
- c. When he came accepting some sort of special treatment, I told him right then and there, "You need to work alongside the rest of us. What did you accept?"
- d. When I received my expectance letter to the university, I was so excited! I really did not know what to accept when I applied.
- 11. Which of the following sentences demonstrates a correct usage of the words "farther" and "further," according to standard English?
  - a. Further south, there are harsher mountains, so I recommend you stay around here.
  - b. On that day, he sprinted faster and further than he ever has in his entire career.
  - c. To develop your ideas farther, I would use a reverse outline to see if you wrote all you planned.
  - d. Then, with a flourish, he said, "I have no further questions your honor."

## **Appositive and Appositive Phrases**

Underline the appositive phrase and punctuate the appositive phrase using the appropriate comma(s).

- 12. Our neighbor and his dogs Reese and Mocha take walks every morning.
- 13. The family who did not eat meat felt uncomfortable with the options presented on the menu.
- 14. He had always loved tigers an endangered animal since 1990.
- 15. Jillian a lovely poet needed some time away from people to do her best work.

## Things Fall Apart Essay Prompt

Assuming that one of Achebe's goals is to create a sympathetic portrait of Ibo culture, it may seem contradictory that his protagonist in <i>Things Fall Apart</i> is the unfavorable Okonkwo. Examine Achebe's use of such a flawed character to showcase traditional Ibo culture and its downfall.					