

THE RIGHTS TO THE STREETS OF MEMPHIS

Selection Test A**Comprehension**

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

1. When the boy learns that he will shop for the family's food, he
 - A. worries about carrying money
 - B. feels like a grownup
 - C. wishes he could play instead
 - D. wants his mother to go with him
2. What conflict does the boy face when he goes to buy food?
 - A. A gang attacks him.
 - B. He loses the grocery list.
 - C. He gets dizzy and faints.
 - D. He forgets the money.
3. The boy's mother locks him out of the apartment because she
 - A. does not want him in the house
 - B. fears someone will break in
 - C. wants him to defend himself
 - D. cares more about food than his safety
4. When the boy fights back, the boys in the gang
 - A. hit him harder
 - B. make up with him
 - C. threaten to beat him later
 - D. run home screaming
5. How does the boy feel after he returns from buying groceries?
 - A. ashamed
 - B. confident
 - C. unlucky
 - D. blissful

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word. (6 points each)

6. What does clamor mean?

- A. a quiet gasp
- B. a noisy cry
- C. a silent thought
- D. a long whine

7. Someone who is dispirited is

- A. sad
- B. meek
- C. cheerful
- D. selfish

8. If you retaliate, you

- A. show kindness
- B. get even
- C. give thanks
- D. make noise

9. Flay means

- A. run
- B. grab
- C. whip
- D. jump

10. What does stark mean?

- A. large
- B. nearby
- C. clear
- D. complete

Written Response

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

- 11. List three effects that the narrator's father causes when he leaves his family.
- 12. Write a sentence that explains how the narrator "won the rights to the streets of Memphis."

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

- 13. What are two lessons that the narrator learns from his mother? Why are these lessons important to him?