Coyote Steals Sun and Moon

Multiple Choice
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Critical Reading
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1. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” how does Coyote get Eagle to hunt with him?
   a. Coyote argues, “Two can catch more than one.”
   b. Coyote promises to give Eagle light if Eagle helps him hunt.
   c. Coyote asks Eagle four times, after which Eagle is obliged to agree.
   d. Coyote makes Eagle feel sorry for him by saying, “You have wings; I just have hair.”

2. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” what does Eagle show about himself when he agrees to hunt with Coyote?
   a. He is good natured and persuadable.
   b. He is adventurous and brave.
   c. He is clever and mischievous.
   d. He is a talented hunter.

3. What do the details of “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon” suggest about the landscape of the Southwest?
   a. It is very dry, and there are no rivers.
   b. It is rainy, and there are many rivers.
   c. Coyotes, eagles, and rabbits live there.
   d. all of the above

4. Which statement best summarizes Coyote and Eagle's visit to the pueblo in “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon”?
   a. Coyote and Eagle visit a pueblo and see some Kachinas.
   b. Coyote and Eagle cross a wide river. They come to a pueblo and watch sacred dancing.
   c. They visit a pueblo where Kachinas are dancing. They take a box with light in it.
   d. They visit a pueblo, become Kachinas, do sacred dances, and take a box with light in it.

5. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” why does Eagle agree to steal the box of light?
   a. He is a born thief.
   b. He agrees that the Kachinas will probably not lend them the box.
   c. He wants to keep the light all to himself.
   d. all of the above
6. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” why does Coyote offer to carry the box of light?
   a. He doesn't trust Eagle to do anything.
   b. He is afraid that Eagle will not share it.
   c. He wants to be more important.
   d. He sees that it is slowing Eagle down.

7. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” when Coyote tells Eagle, “You're the chief, and I'm just Coyote,” what is he trying to do?
   a. show his humility
   b. escape his responsibilities
   c. trick Eagle into doing Coyote's work
   d. flatter Eagle into giving up the box

8. Compared with Coyote in “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” what is Eagle like?
   a. Eagle is more honest than Coyote.
   b. Eagle is less clever than Coyote.
   c. Eagle is a better hunter than Coyote.
   d. all of the above

9. Which statement best summarizes Coyote's behavior in “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon”?
   a. Although he is clever, he behaves foolishly in the end.
   b. Although he is devious, he behaves nobly in the end.
   c. Although he is talkative, he is silent in the end.
   d. Although he is weak, he grows stronger in the end.

10. What does the behavior of characters in “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon” show about Zuñi customs or values?
    a. Strangers were not welcome.
    b. Borrowing was seen as stealing.
    c. Sharing work was considered sensible.
    d. Dancing was considered sinful.

11. Based on “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” which of these conclusions can one draw about Zuñi culture?
    a. Insects were an important part of their diet.
    b. They got some of their food by hunting.
    c. They were nomads who never settled down.
    d. all of the above

12. After Coyote loses the sun in “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” winter comes to cause great suffering. What does this detail tell you about the Zuñi way of life?
    a. The Zuñi live in the desert and are not familiar with winter.
    b. The Zuñi blame Coyote for what happened, and they think he is heartless and stupid.
    c. The Zuñi rely on agriculture and need favorable weather.
    d. The Zuñi worship the sun.
13. What is the main purpose of “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon”?
   a. to help people understand how animals behave
   b. to show young children the importance of sharing tasks
   c. to explain the origin of winter
   d. to teach the difference between right and wrong

Vocabulary and Grammar

14. Which is most likely to be described as shriveled?
   a. an umbrella
   b. a clown
   c. a jacket
   d. a prune

15. Which pair contains antonyms, or words with opposite meanings?
   a. sacred-religious
   b. pestering-ignoring
   c. shriveled-wrapped
   d. pursuit-chase

16. In which sentence is the underlined word used correctly?
   a. To keep the sun's rays from harming you, sunscreen is essential.
   b. The mother tried hard to extract the child's attention.
   c. The wind blows the leaves into an organized pile.
   d. In the operating room, doctors and nurses need to be very disorganized.

17. What type of sentence is the following statement?
   So it went for a stretch, and then Coyote started again.
   a. simple
   b. compound
   c. complex
   d. compound-complex

18. Which choice combines these three sentences into one complex sentence?
   Coyote opened the box. The moon flew into the sky. Then, the sun flew into the sky.
   a. Coyote opened the box, and the moon and the sun flew into the sky.
   b. When Coyote opened the box, the moon flew into the sky, and then the sun flew into the sky.
   c. When Coyote opened the box, the moon and then the sun flew into the sky.
   d. From the box opened by Coyote, the moon and then the sun flew into the sky.
Critical Reading

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19. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” why does Coyote ask Eagle to hunt with him?
   a. Eagle is a better hunter, and Coyote wants more meat.
   b. Eagle can provide him with tasty insects to eat.
   c. Coyote wants to fatten Eagle up to be eaten later.
   d. Coyote feels sorry for Eagle and wants to help him find food.

20. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” what is the reason Coyote gives for wanting light?
   a. He wants to learn to fly and needs light to see how Eagle does it.
   b. He says that he needs light to hunt.
   c. He believes that light will attract more insects for him to eat.
   d. He needs light to be able to see the sacred dancing.

21. In “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” why does Eagle let Coyote carry the box?
   a. The box is heavy, and he wants to slow Coyote down.
   b. He realizes that he has hurt Coyote's feelings and wants to show that he trusts Coyote.
   c. He knows that if he does not give Coyote the box, Coyote will simply take it.
   d. He is tired of Coyote's pestering, and it is the custom to grant a request made four times.

22. Why does Coyote open the lid of the box in “Coyote Steals the Sun and the Moon”?
   a. He wants the light to rush up to the sky.
   b. He wants to annoy Eagle.
   c. He wants to show how brave he is.
   d. He is curious to see what is inside.

23. Whom does Eagle blame for what happens at the end of the myth about Coyote and him?
   a. Coyote
   b. the gods
   c. the Kachinas
   d. himself

24. Which event would you be most likely to include in a summary of “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon”?
   a. Coyote and Eagle visit a pueblo.
   b. The people give Coyote and Eagle food.
   c. Coyote points to two boxes.
   d. The Kachinas do a dance that is sacred.
25. Which event would you be least likely to include in a summary of “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon”?
   a. Coyote hunts with Eagle.
   b. Coyote eats insects.
   c. Coyote and Eagle steal the box.
   d. The sun and moon fly away to the sky.

26. Which word best describes Coyote in “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon”?
   a. honest
   b. devious
   c. generous
   d. shy

27. What is the main idea that “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon” tries to explain?
   a. how animals behave
   b. why it is important to share tasks
   c. why we have summer and winter
   d. the difference between right and wrong

28. From “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” what can you conclude about the Zuñi?
   a. They live in villages called pueblos.
   b. They sometimes do sacred dancing.
   c. According to their customs, if someone asks four times, you should grant that person’s wish.
   d. all of the above

29. Based only on “Coyote Steals the Sun and Moon,” which of these animals do you conclude you can find in the part of the Southwest where the Zuñi live?
   a. rabbits
   b. iguanas
   c. polar bears
   d. sparrows