

“Turkeys” by Bailey White
Selection Test A

Critical Reading *Identify the letter of the choice that best answers the question.*

- ___ 1. Which question would help you find key details in “Turkeys”?
- A. Do I like or dislike the subject of this literary work?
 - B. What is this literary work about?
 - C. What does this literary work have to do with Thanksgiving?
 - D. Should I read this literary work quickly or slowly?
- ___ 2. What cultural and historical factors influenced the author of “Turkeys”?
- A. where and when she was born
 - B. her hobbies and interests
 - C. the countries she has visited
 - D. what she plans when she retires
- ___ 3. Which cultural factor most clearly affected Bailey White’s writing in her essay “Turkeys”?
- A. going to high school during the Vietnam War
 - B. teaching first grade for more than 20 years
 - C. living in the same house in the woods where she was born and raised
 - D. reading her essays on National Public Radio
- ___ 4. Ornithologists, such as those in “Turkeys,” are a special kind of scientist. What do ornithologists study?
- A. birds
 - B. forests
 - C. mammals
 - D. farm animals
- ___ 5. What first brings the ornithologists to Bailey White’s home?
- A. They like Bailey White’s mother because she is an excellent cook.
 - B. They use the house as a headquarters for their work in southern Georgia.
 - C. There is an unusual bird, a rare woodpecker, in the area.
 - D. They need a place where they can use the telephone and write their reports.
- ___ 6. Why do the ornithologists put turkey eggs into Bailey White’s bed?
- A. There is no refrigerator.
 - B. They are playing a joke on her.
 - C. The warmth of her fever might hatch the eggs.
 - D. They need to hide the eggs from the mother turkey.

- ___ 7. How does young Bailey White react when she wakes to find turkey babies in her bed?
- A. She lets the baby turkeys snuggle against her.
 - B. She helps the unhatched turkeys break out of their shells.
 - C. She jumps out of bed and cries for her mother.
 - D. Recovered from her fever, she runs outside.
- ___ 8. What is the best way to determine the main idea in "Turkeys"?
- A. See how this essay relates to other essays about turkeys.
 - B. Identify the cultural and historical influences on the author.
 - C. Look at all the facts and opinions in the essay.
 - D. Identify the key details in the text.
- ___ 9. Which set of words best describes Bailey White's attitude toward the birds in "Turkeys"?
- A. frightened, angry, uninterested
 - B. fascinated, sympathetic, motherly
 - C. bored, disgusted, impatient
 - D. puzzled, shy, concerned
- ___ 10. Why are the ornithologists happy when they see the turkeys fly at the end of "Turkeys"?
- A. The ornithologists no longer need to feel guilty about causing the mother turkey to abandon her eggs.
 - B. The ornithologists can now take up another project.
 - C. The turkeys fly high and fast, proving they are pure wild turkeys.
 - D. It is the first time the ornithologists have observed turkeys in flight.
- ___ 11. Which sentence most clearly expresses the main idea in "Turkeys"?
- A. The experience made me want to become an ornithologist some day.
 - B. The ornithologists ruined one of their last chances to save the wild turkeys.
 - C. I will never forgive my mother for letting the scientists put eggs in my bed.
 - D. Helping to save wild turkeys made me feel connected to nature.

Vocabulary and Grammar

- ___ 12. Which sentence has an underlined word from "Turkeys" that is used incorrectly?
- A. The scientists used unusual methods for hatching eggs.
 - B. A sensible person would play in the snow without a coat and boots.
 - C. Our dog's vigilance and loud bark make him a good watchdog.
 - D. The experiment begins with a dilution of food dye and water.

- ___ 13. In the following sentence from “Turkeys,” which word does the adverb *gently* modify?
I gently stretched myself out.
- A. I
 - B. stretched
 - C. myself
 - D. out
- ___ 14. Based on your knowledge of the suffix *-ible*, what is the meaning of the word *visible* as it is used in the following sentence?
The mountain was not visible in the fog.
- A. capable of being seen
 - B. deserving of being seen
 - C. causing something to be seen
 - D. not able to be seen
- ___ 15. Which word in the following sentence from “Turkeys” is an adverb?
They marched solemnly into the house, carrying a cardboard box.
- A. They
 - B. solemnly
 - C. cardboard
 - D. box

Essay

6. The essay “Turkeys” gives the reader a picture of Bailey White as a child. In your own essay, describe the type of girl Bailey White was and tell about one unusual quality she had.