Unit Test: *The Outsiders*

1. The story is told through a 1st person point of view. Who is the narrator?
   a. Darry
   b. Ponyboy
   c. S.E. Hinton
   d. Soda Pop

2. Where does the following quote appear in the novel?
   “When I stepped out into the bright sunlight from the darkness of the movie house, I had only two things on my mind: Paul Newman and a ride home…”
   a. The beginning
   b. The climax
   c. The end
   d. Both the beginning and the end of the novel

3. In what decade does *The Outsiders* take place?
   a. 1950s
   b. 1960s
   c. 1980s
   d. 1990s

For questions 4-8, match the Greaser with the correct description to the right.

4. _______ Dallas  
   a) A wise-cracker  
5. _______ Sodapop  
   b) Tough, cold, mean  
6. _______ Darry  
   c) Frightened, abused  
7. _______ Johnny  
   d) Serious, determined  
8. _______ Two-Bit  
   e) Attractive, like a Greek god  
   f) Academic genius, wealthy
For question 9, refer to the graphic organizer below:

9. In what section of this graphic organizer would “Cherry Valance” belong?
   a. Section a
   b. Section b
   c. Section c
   d. “Cherry Valance” does not belong on this chart

For questions 10-12, read the quote and select the character who said the quote.

10. “This house ain’t messy. You oughtta see my house.”
    a. Cherry
    b. Johnny
    c. Steve
    d. Two-Bit

11. “I wish you’d come back and turn yourselves in.”
    a. Cherry
    b. Darry
    c. Sidney
    d. Two-Bit

12. “We gotta get even with the Socs. For Johnny.”
    a. Cherry
    b. Dally
c. Darry

d. Ponyboy

For questions 13-16, answer True or False.

13. True/False  Ponyboy finds it easier to talk to Darry than Sodapop.

14. True/False  Marcia, Bob, Randy, Johnny, Two-Bit, and Ponyboy all go to the same school.

15. True/False  Ponyboy saw Johnny stab Bob.

16. True/False  Dally doesn’t care about anyone.

17. Ponyboy explains the meaning of a few words Greasers use so that we, as readers will know exactly what he means when he uses them. He states, “Tough and tuff are two different words.” According to Ponyboy, what does tuff mean?
   a. Rough and rugged
   b. Mean and sneaky
   c. Cool and sharp
   d. Rich and snobby

For question 18, read the passage below.

“We were used to seeing Johnny banged up –his father clobbered him around a lot, and although it made us madder than heck, we couldn’t do anything about it. But those beatings had been nothing like this. Johnny’s face was cut up and bruised and swollen, and there was a wide gash from his temple to his cheekbone. He would carry that sore all his life.”

18. This passage is about the first time Johnny is beat up by the Socs. There reader can infer a lot about the effect of this incident on Johnny. What is NOT an example of something that can be inferred by this passage?
   a. Johnny is abused.
   b. Johnny will have physical scars
   c. The fight will probably haunt Johnny for a long time
   d. Johnny probably deserved to get beat up
For question 19 and 20, refer to the poem below:

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.
--Robert Frost

   a. Personification
   b. Simile
   c. Hyperbole
   d. Onomatopoeia

20. What is the rhyme scheme of Robert Frost’s poem “Nothing Gold Can Stay?”
   a. AABBCCDD
   b. AABCDEFF
   c. AABBAABB
   d. AABBCCAA

21. Which of the following statements is not a conflict in the novel, The Outsiders?
   a. Socs vs. greasers
   b. Pony vs. Darry
   c. Greasers vs. society
   d. Ponyboy vs. Johnny
At the end of chapter 9, Ponyboy receives two pieces of advice. Refer to these quotes to answer questions 22-24. Write 1-3 sentences to answer each of the questions.

“I was crazy, you know that, kid? Crazy for wantin’ Johnny to stay outa trouble, for not wantin’ him to get hard. If he’d been like me he’d ever have been in this mess. If he’d got smart like me he’d never have fun into that church. That’s what you get for helpin’ people. Editorials in the paper and a lot of trouble…You’d better wise up, Pony…you get tough like me and you don’t get hurt. You look out for yourself and nothin’ can touch you.”
--Dallas Winston

“Stay gold, Ponyboy. Stay gold…”
--Johnny Cade

22. Which advisor do you think Ponyboy will more likely to follow? Why?

23. Whose advice would you follow? Why?

24. Can you defend the advice you did not choose in question 23?

TURN IN THIS PORTION OF THE TEST TO RECEIVE QUESTION 25.
THEN YOU ARE ALLOWED TO USE YOUR BOOK!
25. Read the following poem “We Real Cool” by Gwendolyn Brooks. Describe how this poem relates to the characters in The Outsiders. Use the attached graphic to organize your ideas and supporting details. You must include a thesis statement, topic sentence, supporting details, and conclusion. You may use you book to add key text and/or specific examples. You do not have to actually write the essay, just complete the graphic.

We Real Cool
By Gwendolyn Brooks

THE POOL PLAYERS.
SEVEN AT THE GOLDEN SHOVEL.

We real cool. We
Left school. We

Lurk late. We
Strike straight. We

Sing sin. We
Thin gin. We

Jazz June. We
Die soon.
Graphic Organizer to Answer Question 25

THESIS STATEMENT:

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Conclusion:
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Teacher Comments:
The Outsiders Unit Test Answer Key

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5. E (2 points)
6. D (2 points)
7. C (2 points)
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10. D (2 points)
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16. False (1 point)
17. C (2 points)
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21. D (2 points)
22. Students choose which one they think Ponyboy would follow. They must tell why.
   (4 points)
23. Students choose which one they would follow. They must tell why.
   (4 points)
24. Students defend the advice they didn’t not choose in question 3. They must tell why.
   (4 points)
25. Students must include a thesis, topic sentence, supporting details, and conclusion. They
   must include key text and/or specific examples. (See rubric) (16 points)

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Grade out of 100%