

from THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET

Selection Test B/C

Comprehension

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.

(6 points each)

1. Mama and Papa buy a house that is different from the one they say they will buy because they
 - A. think that this is the house that their children will like the best
 - B. cannot afford a house like the one they say they will buy
 - C. decide that the house on Mango Street is what they want
 - D. cannot find a white house with a big yard and trees
2. The house on Mango Street makes Esperanza feel
 - A. unsure of who she is
 - B. ashamed in front of the nun
 - C. terrified of the future
 - D. disappointed in her parents
3. What does Esperanza's desire to have "a real house" reveal about the author's perspective on home ownership?
 - A. Other people's opinions of your house are unimportant.
 - B. Owning a better house than your parents' house is a desirable goal.
 - C. Having a pleasing house can instill pride and a feeling of belonging.
 - D. Only large houses with nice lawns and many rooms are worth owning.
4. Esperanza says that her name reminds her of
 - A. sad Mexican songs
 - B. fancy chandeliers
 - C. men shaving
 - D. Sunday mornings
5. Esperanza's great-grandmother never forgave her great-grandfather for
 - A. marrying her against her wishes
 - B. expecting her to be stronger than she was
 - C. making her sit in a window every day
 - D. naming their great-granddaughter Esperanza
6. Esperanza says of her great-grandmother, "I have inherited her name, but I don't want to inherit her place by the window." What inference can you make about Esperanza?
 - A. She wants to find her own window.
 - B. She plans to refuse to get married.
 - C. She wishes she could change her name.
 - D. She hopes to accomplish things in her life.
7. Esperanza wants to give herself a new name because she
 - A. envies her sister for having a nickname
 - B. wants a name that reflects the real her
 - C. disapproves of the way others say her name
 - D. dislikes having her great-grandmother's name
8. Esperanza probably remembers the house on Mango Street the most because it
 - A. has a red front door but no trees
 - B. is the first house that her parents own
 - C. represents disappointment and sadness
 - D. is the least attractive of all of her houses

SELECTION TEST B/C, CONTINUED

9. You can make an inference that Esperanza creates stories about her life to
- A. free herself from her environment
 - B. be like her story-telling mother
 - C. show her neighbors how smart she is
 - D. remember the streets on which she has lived
10. Read the following excerpt from the selection. What do the lines suggest about the author's perspective on the strength of women?
"One day I will say goodbye to Mango. I am too strong for her to keep me here forever."
- A. Mothers have to be strong to keep their daughters at home.
 - B. Women are strong enough to break free from sad childhood memories.
 - C. Strong houses are needed to keep strong women at home.
 - D. Strong women have to learn how to keep a house sooner or later.

Written Response

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

11. Describe one way in which Esperanza's ideal house is different from the house on Mango Street.
12. What inference can you make about why Esperanza believes that her family will never move to a bigger, more expensive house? Support your answer with a detail from the selection.

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

13. Why do you think Esperanza believes that no one knows the real her? Use examples from the selection to support your answer.
14. **Challenge** How does Esperanza use her ability to tell stories to escape from Mango Street? How will she use that ability to return to Mango Street? Use details from the selection to explain your answer.