

**Reading Quiz: Ch. 16-30**

Directions: Choose the BEST answer to the following questions:

- \_\_\_\_ 1. During her cousin's baptism party in the basement of the Precious Blood Church, Esperanza at first refuses to dance with Uncle Nacho because she is
- (A) angry that her mother has drunk too much, forcing her to fan her hot face with a paper plate
  - (B) embarrassed that she has to wear her old saddle shoes with her brand-new pink dress
  - (C) sad that her father could not be there because he had to return to Mexico after his father died
  - (D) tired from having had to study all night for her first big test at the Catholic high school
  - (E) nervous that the boy who is a man might stand on the side and watch her dance
- \_\_\_\_ 2. On the first day of her job at the Peter Pan Photo Finishers, Esperanza meets "an older Oriental man" who makes her feel "better" and not "so nervous anymore" until he
- (A) says hello and talks to her for a while about Esperanza's just starting her job that day
  - (B) asks if Esperanza knows what day it is and then tells her that it is his birthday
  - (C) invites her to be friends with him and says she can sit in the lunchroom with him next time
  - (D) starts to laugh and tells her that she can sit down when she needs to while working
  - (E) grabs her face with both hands and kisses her hard on the mouth and doesn't let go
- \_\_\_\_ 3. Esperanza thinks she "will go to hell and most likely . . . deserve[s] to be there" for laughing and imitating Aunt Lupe the day she dies, a fact that makes her especially ashamed since Aunt Lupe always
- (A) listened to her poems and encouraged her to keep writing
  - (B) was pretty like Esperanza's mother and dark and good to look at
  - (C) had strong swimmer's legs, the bones hard and parting water
  - (D) walked down the street in a Joan Crawford dress and funny felt hat
  - (E) held cousin Totchy in one hand and baby Frank in the other
- \_\_\_\_ 4. While Esperanza sits at Elenita's kitchen table getting her fortune read and hearing that one day she will have "a home in the heart," Esperanza cannot help but feel
- (A) gratitude
  - (B) anger
  - (C) pride
  - (D) disappointment
  - (E) relief
- \_\_\_\_ 5. When Esperanza feels like "a tiny thing against so many bricks," she looks at the "four skinny trees" in front of her house, who inspire her for all of the following reasons EXCEPT that they
- (A) are four who do not belong here but are here
  - (B) bite the sky with violent teeth and never quit their anger
  - (C) are four raggedy excuses who are too sad and too skinny to keep keeping
  - (D) grew despite concrete, who reach and do not forget to reach
  - (E) have a strength that is secret and send ferocious roots beneath the ground

**Answer Key:**

1. B
2. E
3. A
4. D
5. C