

**Reading Quiz: Ch. 1-15**

Directions: Choose the BEST answer to the following questions:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Esperanza metaphorically describes her relationship with her younger sister, Nenny, as being like a “red balloon tied to an anchor,” which emphasizes the fact that Nenny
- (A) grounds her in a way that provides needed safety and security
  - (B) limits her because she is too young to be a true friend
  - (C) lacks the creativity and imagination to see color in the world
  - (D) prevents her from spending time with her brothers outside the home
  - (E) is her primary responsibility, which makes her feel important
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Esperanza calls her great-grandmother a “wild horse of a woman” and states that she has “inherited her name” but does not want “to inherit her place by the window,” which symbolizes the
- (A) lack of control that women have over the direction of their lives in Mexican culture
  - (B) importance of education and the opportunities that will come as a result of it
  - (C) difficulty that her classmates have in trying to pronounce her name at school
  - (D) limitations of an immigrant moving to a country that speaks a different language
  - (E) hope that she will one day live up to the example her great-grandmother has set
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cathy, who claims to be the “great great grand cousin of the queen of France,” tells Esperanza that she can only be her friend “till next Tuesday” because
- (A) she has to spend most of her time taking care of all of her cats
  - (B) Esperanza does not listen to her and befriends Lucy and Rachel instead
  - (C) they have to fly back to France to inherit the family house from a distant cousin
  - (D) her family has decided to move because the neighborhood is getting bad
  - (E) Meme Ortiz’s family bought the house and evicted Cathy’s family
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. When visiting Gil’s Furniture Store, Esperanza claims she “turned away and pretended [not to] care about the [music] box,” but Nenny—who asks, “How much?”—is described as “stupider” for not
- (A) understanding how difficult it is to operate a delicate piece of machinery like that
  - (B) recognizing that Gil would never sell something so precious to them or anyone else
  - (C) appreciating how fortunate they are to be allowed to play in the store in the first place
  - (D) considering the more important things they should be buying to help out their family
  - (E) realizing they would never have enough money to afford something that expensive
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Alicia “studies all night and sees mice” in the kitchen after everyone else has gone to bed, which prompts her father to tell her that she should be sleeping instead of studying so that she can
- (A) feel rested in the morning and be able to do her best in school
  - (B) look beautiful on the subway so she can meet a man who might marry her
  - (C) get up early with the tortilla star to make lunches for the rest of the family
  - (D) leave the kitchen and let her father drink beer with his friends late at night
  - (E) get a real job downtown because that is where the best jobs are

**Answer Key:**

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