QUIZ: The Stranger

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Part I: Characters

1. Albert Camus
2. Meursault
3. Maman / Mother
4. Celeste
5. Salamano
6. Marie Cardona
7. Raymond Sintes
8. Thomas Perez
9. The Arab
10. Masson

1. One of the elderly residents at the old persons’ home who had become so attached to Meurasault’s mother that the other residents joked that he was her fiancé.

2. The author of The Stranger.

3. The person who has died and whose funeral takes place at the start of the novel.

4. Meursault’s neighbor who beats his mistress after suspecting she has been cheating on him.

5. The brother of Meursault’s friend’s mistress that follows them to the beach one day and is subsequently murdered.

6. The person who owns the house on the beach where Meursault and his friends are hanging out at the day the Arab is murdered.

7. Meursault’s neighbor who has a co-dependent, love-hate relationship with a mangy mutt.

8. A secretary who used to work at Meursault’s office and whom Meursault has begun a romantic relationship.

9. The owner of a restaurant frequented by Meursault.

10. The protagonist of The Stranger, who is put on trial for the murder of an Arab.

Part II: Multiple Choice

1. The philosophy purported by the protagonist of The Stranger is called

A. transcendentalism.

B. romanticism.

C. nihilism.

D. existentialism.

2. The novel takes place

A.     in France.

B.     in England.

C.     in the United States.

D.    in Algeria.

3. Which of these is the novel’s famous first line?

A. “Another day, another dollar”

B. “The sun shone, and again it was hot”

C. “Maman/Mother died today. Or maybe it was yesterday, I don’t know.”

D. “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”

4. The people in the old persons’ home where Meursault’s mother lives

A. hated Mersault. C. loved Mersault.

B. blamed Mersualt. D. didn’t know Mersault existed.

5. What is the restaurant where Meursault often eats?

A. Celeste’s C. Caitlin’s

B. Carolyn’s D. Cathy’s

6. What does Meursault do during the vigil for his mother?

A. He cries all night.

B. He chats happily with Thomas Perez.

C. He smokes, drinks coffee, and sleeps.

D. He gets into a fight with the caretaker.

7. What bothers Meursault most on the day of the funeral?

A. Thomas Perez’s clothing

B. The priest’s attitude

C. The heat

D. The dingy church

8. How soon after his mother’s funeral does Meursault have a date with Marie?

A. Later that afternoon

B. A week later

C. Exactly one year later

D. The next day

9. Meursault begins his romantic relationship with Marie

A. at work.

B. at his mother’s funeral.

C. at the beach.

D. at Masson’s beach house.

10. What is Meursault and Marie’s favorite leisure activity?

A. Swimming C. Chess

B. Cooking D. Smoking

11. Merusault and Marie go on a date to see what type of movie?

A. comedy C. drama

B. horror D. documentary

12. Which of the following things does Meursault NOT usually do on Sunday?

A. sleep in.

B. smoke cigarettes.

C. stare out the window.

D. visit his mother.

13. Meursault’s friend at work is named

A. Emile C. Emmanuel

B. Eric D. Ernesto

14. Who loses his mangy dog?

A. Raymond C. Salamano

B. Meursault D. Thomas Perez

15. Which of the following quotations was NOT said by Meursault?

A. “A little later, just for something to do, I picked up an old newspaper and read it.”

B. “I said that people never change their lives, that in any case one life was as good as another and that I wasn’t dissatisfied with mine here at all.”

C. “It was this burning, which I couldn’t stand, that made me move forward.”

D. “I am a Christian. I ask Him to forgive you your sins. How can you not believe that He suffered for you?”

16. What does Raymond say that describes his actions and attitudes towards his mistress?

A. “I’d smack her around a little, but nice-like, you might say. She’d scream a little…. And if you ask me, she still hasn’t gotten what she has coming.”

B. “A minute later she asked me if I loved her. I told her it didn’t mean anything but that I didn’t think so. She looked sad.”

C. “I explained to her that it didn’t really matter and that if she wanted to, we could get married.”

D. “She had put on a white linen dress and let her hair down. I told her she was beautiful and she laughed with delight.”

17. Which of the following does NOT describe Salamano’s reaction to the loss of his dog?

A. He looked flustered.

B. He was looking all over the place, turning around, peering around and then searching the street again with his tiny red eyes.

C. He was muttering incoherently.

D. He was glad to see it go.

18. The ethnicity of Raymond’s mistress is

A. White.

B. Italian.

C. Arab.

D. Jewish.

19. The day Meursault and Marie go with Raymond to their friends’ house on the beach, who are they worried is following them?

A. Meursault’s father.

B. The brothers of Raymond’s mistress.

C. An enemy of Salamano.

D. The Algerian police.

20. Meursault is especially sensitive to

A. ocean water.

B. bees.

C. bright lights and loud sounds.

D. racial remarks.

21. After meeting the Arabs on the beach for a first time, Meursault and his friends return to the bungalow, at which point Meursault realizes

A. he’s a dead man.

B. the Arabs aren’t really interested in killing Raymond.

C. there is a God.

D. it doesn’t matter if he goes up to the house or back to the beach to shoot the Arabs, because either way it amounts to a meaningless existence.

22. When Meursault shoots the Arab four more times after he’s already dead, he says it was

A. “like plucking a four-leaf clover”

B. “like four waves crashing onto shore”

C. “like knocking four quick times on the doors of unhappiness”

D. “like tripping down four flights of stares”

23. When Meurault is told the law grants him the right to a free attorney, he

A. is angry.

B. cries hysterically.

C. finds it convenient that the court should take care of such details.

D. whines about the fact he can’t choose his own lawyer.

24. What does Meursault’s lawyer think of him?

A. He admires him

B. He seems disgusted by him

C. He thinks he’s funny

D. He never bothers to meet him

25. Which of the following occurs first?

A. Meursault has dinner with Raymond

B. Salamano’s dog dies

C. Marie and Meursault sleep together

D. Meursault’s mother dies

26. How do the people who attend Meursault’s trial behave toward each other?

A. suspicious

B. hostile and angry

C. friendly and glad to see each other

D. frightened and nervous

27. Who is the uninvited guest that comes into Meursault’s cell?

A. Thomas Perez

B. Celeste

C. The chaplain

D. The director

28. What is the most damaging evidence during Meursault’s trial?

A. His indifference to his mother’s death

B. Marie’s testimony

C. Raymond’s testimony

D. The fingerprints on the gun

29. At first, what bothers Meursault about prison?

A. Not having cigarettes

B. Not having sex

C Not being able to go swimming.

D. All of the above

30. The prosecuting attorney in Meurault’s trial at one point says that he has looked into Meursault’s soul and found

A. a toad.

B. a heart as hard as a rock.

C. evil.

D. nothing.

31. What is the only thing Meursault can recall about his father?

A. that he was criminally insane.

B. that he was a priest.

C. that he had witnessed an execution.

D. that he also murdered an Arab.

32. What does Meursault say when the chaplain asks, “And do you really live with the thought that when you die, you die, and nothing remains?”

A. “Yes.”

B. “No.”

C. “I don’t know.”

D. “Maybe.”

33. Does Meursault believe he should have cried at his mother’s funeral.

A. Yes

B. Absolutely not

C. Sort of

D. Sometimes

34. What method of execution will be used to kill Meursault?

A. Guillotine

B. Hanging

C. Electric chair

D. Firing squad

35. What is Meursault’s dying wish?

A. That he could see his mother.

B. That God forgives him.

C. That there be a large crowd of spectators at his execution.

D. That none of this never would have happened in the first place.

Part III: Quotes

Directions: Match each of the following quotations with name of the person who said it. Some names may be used more than once.

A. Meursault

B. Nurse from Retirement Home

C. Salamano

D. Retirement Home Director

E. Marie Cardona

F. The Magistrate Lawyer

G. Caretaker at Retirement Home

H. Raymond Sintes

I. The Chaplain

J. Meursault’s Defense Attorney

1. “I said that people never change their lives, that in any case one life was as good as another and that I wasn’t dissatisfied with mine here at all.”

2. “I’m darker than you.”

3. “Madame Meursault came to us three years ago. You were her sole support.”

4. “I have never seen a soul as heardened as yours. The criminals who have come before me always wept at the sight of this image of suffering.”

5. “On their way out, and much to my surprise, they all shook my hand—as if that night during which we hadn’t exchanges as much as a single word had somehow brought us closer together.”

6. “I realized then that a man who had lived only one day could easily live for a hundred years in prison. He would have enough memories to keep him from being bored. In a way it was an advantage.”

7. “You know, your mother’s friends will becoming to keep vigil too. It’s customary. I have to go get some chairs and some black coffee.”

8. “You must understand. You must understand!”

9. “Come now, is my client on trial for burying his mother or killing a man?”

10. “I knew this lady…as a matter of fact, well, she was my mistress.”

11. “Here we have a reflection of this entire trial: everything is true and nothing is true!”

12. “We’d have a run-in every now and then. But he was a good dog just the same.”

13. “It was clear that she was cheating on me. So left her. But first I smacked her around. And then I told her exactly what I thought of her. I told her that all she was interested in was getting into the sack.”

14. “That’s all for today, Monsieur Antichrist.”

15. “If you go slowly, you risk getting sunstroke. But if you go too fast, you work up a sweat and then catch a chill inside the church.”