

***The Scarlet Letter* Final Test: Version "A" (Get it?)**

1. What does the phrase "self constituted judges," used to describe the women in the crowd who are talking about Hester, suggest about Puritan Society?  
(a) Common people appoint themselves to the position of judge (b) There is no formal election for judges (c) They have no right to judge Hester
2. What is as bad to the Puritans as the guillotine is to French terrorists?  
(a) Sin (b) Public Shaming (c) A jail sentence
3. When Hester is returned to jail, why does she initially refuse to accept medicine from Chillingworth?  
(a) She does not recognize him (b) She thinks he is trying to kill her and Pearl (c) He doesn't really know anything about medicine
4. In the jail scene, we learn that Chillingworth was obsessed with acquiring \_\_\_\_\_, because he is insecure about \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Money, his physical deformity (b) Knowledge, his physical deformity (c) Knowledge, his social status
5. Why did Hester name her daughter Pearl?  
(a) She is beautiful (b) She displays both good and evil (c) She was acquired at a great price
6. In the governor's mansion, who makes an appeal for Hester to be able to keep Pearl?  
(a) Dimmesdale (b) Chillingworth (c) Mistress Hibbins
7. Which statement about Pearl best represents the event from which she was born?  
(a) Pearl is Hester's torture (b) Pearl is Hester's happiness and torture (c) Pearl is overly inquisitive
8. What does Hester say she would have done if the governor had not let her keep Pearl?  
(a) Sell her soul to the devil (b) Die (c) Expose Dimmesdale
9. Why does Dimmesdale never quite realize exactly what Chillingworth's intentions are/who he is (on his own)?  
(a) He believes that he is truly suffering a physical illness (b) He is naïve (c) He believes that he is projecting his inner evil onto Roger
10. The scene where Pearl dances across graves is mainly an example of:  
(a) Her lack of respect for anyone (b) Her purely evil intentions (c) One of her many tantrums
11. What is the one truth that keeps Dimmesdale alive?  
(a) Knowing that Hester is also a sinner (b) The anguish in his soul (c) The good work that he is still doing for God

12. Why does Dimmesdale originally go out to the scaffold in Chapter 12?  
(a) He wants to relive the scene from the opening of the novel (b) He hopes to find Hester and Pearl there (c) He intends to stay there until it is light outside and people can see him
13. When the meteorite passes through the sky, it casts light on (reveals) what secret?  
(a) That Dimmesdale is Pearl's father (b) Chillingworth's true identity (c) Mistress Hibbins is truly a witch
14. What is the end result of the sexton finding Dimmesdale's glove on the scaffold?  
(a) The people begin to question Dimmesdale's motives (b) The people think that Chillingworth must have put it there (c) The people's approval of Dimmesdale grows even stronger
15. \_\_\_\_\_ is striking evidence of man's ability to transform himself into a devil.  
(a) Dimmesdale (b) Chillingworth (c) Hester
16. According to Hester, who still has the ability to forgive?  
(a) Chillingworth (b) Dimmesdale (c) Hester
17. Pearl is not capable of expressing \_\_\_\_\_ because she has never experienced sadness/hardship.  
(a) Forgiveness (b) Sympathy (c) Love
18. Hester tells Dimmesdale that Heaven will show him mercy if he will do what?  
(a) Just confess his sin (b) Tell Pearl who he is (c) Take advantage of it
19. What makes Hester realize that there is no real bond between herself and Dimmesdale, while she is at the procession?  
(a) Mistress Hibbins convinces her (b) Dimmesdale does not acknowledge her (c) Pearl will not kiss Dimmesdale
20. Before he dies, what does Dimmesdale ask God to do to Chillingworth?  
(a) Punish him (b) Kill him (c) Forgive him
21. What is the most important thing you should take away from this class?  
(a) Mr. Bossingham is awesome (b) Put your shopping carts back in the corral when you go to Walmart (c) The meaning of *The Scarlet Letter*

**Short Answer:**

22. Why is it that Pearl is so obsessed with having Dimmesdale hold her and Hester's hands in public?
23. What kept Hester from telling Dimmesdale about Chillingworth, long before she actually did?
24. What accounts for the different ways that people view the meteorite in the sky?
25. How is Chillingworth's sin different from that of Hester and Dimmesdale?