

Classics Quick Check

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- 1. What effect does the setting have on Toad when he first wakes up?
 - A The strange natural landscape makes him feel lost and afraid.
 - B The lovely natural landscape makes him want to stay there permanently.
 - © The open space of nature reminds him that he is free.
 - ① The return to nature reminds him that he misses his friends.
- 2. How does Toad's habit of bragging get him in trouble in this part of the story?
 - A The horse thinks Toad is conceited and refuses to let Toad ride him.
 - B The barge-woman thinks Toad is bragging and tests him by making him wash her clothes.
 - © The barge-woman thinks
 Toad is a conceited snob and
 throws him off her boat.
 - ① The gipsy thinks Toad is bragging and decides to not buy the horse.

- **3.** Which of the following words means full of pleasurable sensations?
 - (A) indignation
 - B shirking
 - © sullenly
 - ① voluptuous
- **4.** How does the barge-woman change during this part of the story?
 - (A) She stops being friendly.
 - B She realizes she likes animals.
 - © She stops being a bargewoman.
 - ① She becomes a gipsy.
- **5.** What causes Toad to steal the barge-horse?
 - (A) He likes to ride horses.
 - B He thinks the horse should be set free.
 - © He needs something to sell.
 - D He wants revenge on the barge-woman.



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- **6.** What seems to be the author's point of view on bragging?
 - A Bragging can get a person into trouble.
 - B Everyone brags so it isn't a problem.
 - © Men brag, but women do not.
 - ① Bragging is worse then lying.
- **7.** Toad's time on the barge could best be described as the _____ of this part of the story.
 - (A) resolution

 - © rising action
 - (I) introduction
- **8.** Which word is a synonym for **cajole** on page 15?
 - (A) address
 - (B) coax
 - (C) leave
 - ① watch

- **9.** Why does the barge-woman throw Toad off the barge?
 - A because she thinks toads are disgusting
 - B because Toad did not wash her clothes
 - © to make Toad apologize for insulting her
 - ① to show Toad she is better than he is
- **10.** What does Toad's desire to take revenge reveal about his character?
 - A He is too proud to accept being made a fool.
 - B He is a very forgiving animal.
 - © He is a meek animal and doesn't like to fight back.
 - ① He is too pleasant to get into trouble.





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- 11. Extended Response: Point of view describes how the story is told and whose thoughts the reader can access. Write a paragraph that identifies the narrative point of view in this part of the story, using details from the text to justify your answer.
- 12. Extended Response: This part of the story ends with Toad meeting a gipsy. Write a response that makes an inference about what will happen next on the basis of what you know about Toad's character. Support your idea with details from the text.

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Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. (C) Analyze Setting
- 2. (B) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 3. D Vocabulary
- 4. A Analyze Character
- **5.** (D) Cause and Effect
- **6.** (A) Author's Point of View
- **7**. (C) Analyze Plot
- 8. (B) Vocabulary
- **9.** (A) Cause and Effect
- **10**. (A) Analyze Character

- 11. Answers will identify the point of view as third person limited. The details they will cite from the text should indicate that the narrator is not one of the characters, but a remote narrator that is outside the action; that the action is described with the pronouns "he" and "she"; and that the reader learns only Toad's thoughts, so the perspective is limited.
- 12. Answers will vary, but should include a prediction about what Toad will do next. Sample response: Toad is very hungry and the gipsy has food, so I think Toad will try to trade the horse for something to eat. I know he won't feel bad about trading someone else's horse because he is angry at the barge-woman and so far hasn't worried much about what other people feel or want. Toad will probably tell a story about how wonderful he is, just like his bragging in this part of the story, to the gipsy.

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