

Classics Quick Check Level Y

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

- 1. Alice wonders if eating pepper made the Duchess savage. According to Alice's logic, what effect would eating maple syrup have on a person?
  - (A) It would make the person gain weight.
  - B It would make the person sticky.
  - © It would make the person sweet.
  - ① It would make the person sour.
- 2. What causes Alice to continue listening to the Duchess even though she doesn't want to?
  - A The Duchess frightens her into staying.
  - B Alice does not like to be rude.
  - © The Duchess compliments her.
  - ① Alice thinks she will have a reward for listening.

- 3. Read these sentences from the story: "Why, she," said the Gryphon. "Its all her fancy, that: they never executes nobody, you know." What is the meaning of fancy?
  - (A) anger
  - (B) order
  - (C) fantasy
  - (I) impatience
- **4.** Why does Alice refer to the Duchess's gift of everything she has said as a cheap sort of present?
  - A Alice does not value anything the Duchess has said.

  - © Alice likes only very expensive presents.
  - D Alice is used to receiving presents only on her birthday.



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- **5.** Which of the following phrases from the story help show the Queen's temper?
  - (A) hold your tongue
  - B another dig of her sharp little chin
  - (C) a cheap sort of present
  - ① frowning like a thunderstorm
- **6.** Read this sentence: You are all pardoned. What is the meaning of pardoned?
  - (A) doomed
  - B forgiven
  - (C) accused
  - (D) insane
- 7. Which word best describes how Alice feels when the Gryphon accuses her of asking simple questions?
  - (A) proud
  - ® sad
  - (C) angry
  - ① humiliated

- 8. What can the reader infer from the fact that the King pardons everyone the Queen has sentenced to death?
  - A The King is terrified of the Queen and will never cross her.
  - B The King agrees with everything the Queen says.
  - © The King is sneaky and does things behind the Queen's back.
  - ① The King has no power, and everyone ignores him.
- **9.** What is the cause of the Mock Turtle's sadness?
  - (A) He misses the Tortoise.
  - **B** He dislikes the Gryphon.
  - (C) He misses being a real turtle.
  - ① He dislikes being a student.



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- **10.** What event happens after Alice meets the Mock Turtle?
  - (A) The Mock Turtle describes to Alice his school experience.
  - B The Duchess describes nonsensical morals to Alice.
  - ① The Queen describes the Mock Turtle to Alice.
  - ① The Gryphon describes to Alice the Queen's executions.
- 11. Extended Response: Write a paragraph that compares the education described by the Mock Turtle and the Gryphon to your own education. Then describe which school experience you like the best, and explain your choice.
- 12. Extended Response: A moral is an important teaching or lesson. Do the Duchess's morals teach Alice anything? What does the Duchess's moralizing reveal about her character? Support your answer with details from the text.

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Classics Quick Check Answer Key

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- 1. (C) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 2. (B) Cause and Effect
- 3. © Vocabulary
- **4.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **5.** 🛈 Analyze Character
- **6.** (B) Vocabulary
- **7. (D)** Analyze Character
- 8. (C) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **9**. ① Cause and Effect
- **10.** (A) Sequence Events

- 11. Answers will vary but should describe the various subjects mentioned by the Mock Turtle and the Gryphon, including Ambition, Distraction, Reeling, Writhing, and so on. Students will compare these to the subjects they learn, for example addition, subtraction, reading, and writing. Answers should then offer opinions as to which school sounds better and why.
- 12. Answers should indicate the following:

  The Duchess's morals do not actually teach Alice anything at all, but are instead a collection of odd sayings and strange logic that are just as unusual as Wonderland itself. They are wordy and sound intelligent, but actually are meaningless. The Duchess's morals show a little bit more of her character. She also acts serious and thoughtful, but her character is as empty as her morals.

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