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

1. Which word best describes Decimus?
 - Ⓐ sneaky
 - Ⓑ loyal
 - Ⓒ entertaining
 - Ⓓ poor
2. What is Caesar's problem at the beginning of the story?
 - Ⓐ He has been voted out and is being forced to step down as dictator.
 - Ⓑ He has many enemies that are surrounding him at his house.
 - Ⓒ He has no way of getting to the Senate to meet Decimus.
 - Ⓓ He fears something bad is going to happen to him on the Ides of March.
3. Who is telling this story?
 - Ⓐ Brutus
 - Ⓑ Decimus
 - Ⓒ Caesar
 - Ⓓ a narrator
4. Which of the following is a fact about Decimus and Brutus?
 - Ⓐ They thought Caesar was an effective leader.
 - Ⓑ They were jealous of Caesar's marriage to Calpurnia.
 - Ⓒ They plotted to assassinate Caesar.
 - Ⓓ They wanted to become kings of Rome.
5. Read this sentence: *Caesar shook off a sudden sense of deep **foreboding**.* What does **foreboding** mean?
 - Ⓐ a sense that something good will happen
 - Ⓑ a sense that something bad will happen
 - Ⓒ a feeling of luck and impending success
 - Ⓓ a feeling of happiness and contentment

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6. What caused the conspirators to plot against Caesar?
 - Ⓐ They disliked the taxes Caesar imposed on the people.
 - Ⓑ They disagreed with Caesar imposing one religion on Rome.
 - Ⓒ They disliked that Caesar declared himself dictator for life.
 - Ⓓ They did not want Caesar to run for president in the next election.
7. How are Brutus and Caesar similar?
 - Ⓐ They both want what's best for Rome.
 - Ⓑ They both want to be dictator for life.
 - Ⓒ They both want to be king.
 - Ⓓ They both want to be married to Calpurnia.
8. If this story had been told from Caesar's point of view, which of the following quotes might have been used?
 - Ⓐ "What's this, wife? Have you had ill news?" Caesar asked.
 - Ⓑ "Decimus!" cried Caesar. "I did not expect you."
 - Ⓒ "They have not always been so respectful," Caesar murmured.
 - Ⓓ "If there is danger, let us face it," I said and smiled at Decimus.
9. What is the genre of this story?
 - Ⓐ historical nonfiction
 - Ⓑ historical fiction
 - Ⓒ historical mystery
 - Ⓓ historical myth
10. How would you describe **conspirators**?
 - Ⓐ sneaky and harmful
 - Ⓑ poor and humble
 - Ⓒ selfless and giving
 - Ⓓ wealthy and powerful

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11. Extended Response: How would this story have been different if it had been told from Julius Caesar's point of view?

12. Extended Response: Why did the author include the historical information at the beginning and the end of this story? Would your understanding of the story have been different without this information?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Ides of March

Main Comprehension Skill: Identify Character Point of View

1. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
3. Ⓓ *Character Point of View*
4. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓓ *Character Point of View*
9. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include that the reader would not have known about the plot against Caesar's life or the betrayal of Decimus, and the story would have ended when Caesar died. The reader might also have been more emotionally attached to Caesar since a first-person point of view is more intimate and emotional.
12. Answers will vary but should include that the author wanted to give readers facts about Julius Caesar's background before beginning the story and wanted to provide a conclusion by giving facts at the end of the story. Answers could state that readers' understanding would have been different if they had not known about this historical information before reading the story.