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

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| <p><b>1. Why does Buck refuse to stand up when he is whipped?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ He is too tired from all the travel.</li> <li>Ⓑ He believes that something bad will happen to them if they continue.</li> <li>Ⓒ He wants to make Hal angry and get back at him for his poor leadership.</li> <li>Ⓓ He broke his leg and can't stand on it.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Which of the following events is the climax of this part of the story?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ the men trying to make Mercedes walk instead of ride</li> <li>Ⓑ the beating Hal gives Buck for refusing to move</li> <li>Ⓒ the people pushing the sled dogs too hard</li> <li>Ⓓ John Thornton fighting Hal and taking Buck away from him</li> </ul> | <p><b>3. How does the seasonal setting affect the plot in this part?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ It is winter, so Hal, Charles, and Mercedes stop at Thornton's camp for shelter.</li> <li>Ⓑ It is springtime, so the dogs are refreshed and make it to White River.</li> <li>Ⓒ It is springtime, so the ice is melting, and travel is more dangerous.</li> <li>Ⓓ It is winter, so the days are longer, and they cover more ground than before.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Why does the author compare the dogs to skeletons?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ to emphasize how thin and close to death they are</li> <li>Ⓑ to show that they are supernatural creatures</li> <li>Ⓒ to emphasize how strong and healthy they are</li> <li>Ⓓ to contrast that to how heavy Hal and Charles are</li> </ul> |
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5. Which event occurs first?

- Ⓐ Hal beats Buck with a club.
- Ⓑ Hal asks John Thornton for advice.
- Ⓒ The sled falls through the ice.
- Ⓓ John Thornton stands up to Hal.

6. Which of the following lines from the story contains an opinion?

- Ⓐ *The willows and aspens were bursting out in young buds.*
- Ⓑ *Each day the sun rose earlier and set later.*
- Ⓒ *They went their way, but she did not move.*
- Ⓓ *It was was heartbreaking, only Buck's heart was unbreakable.*

7. Which of the following details from the text supports the inference that John Thornton is not impressed with Hal and Charles?

- Ⓐ Thornton has a conversation with them.
- Ⓑ Thornton gives them only terse, monosyllabic replies.
- Ⓒ Thornton tries to help them by telling them not to travel further.
- Ⓓ Thornton kneels beside Buck and searches for broken bones.

8. What does the word **fissures** mean?

- Ⓐ fishing lines
- Ⓑ wide, open plains
- Ⓒ long, narrow openings
- Ⓓ deep pools

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| <p><b>9.</b> What is the cause of Hal, Charles, and Mercedes's irritability?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ They are tired of one another.</li> <li>Ⓑ They are miserable because of the tough conditions.</li> <li>Ⓒ They are upset that they have not yet found gold.</li> <li>Ⓓ They miss their friends and family back home.</li> </ul> <p><b>10.</b> How do Hal and Charles attempt to solve the problem of having too much weight on the sled?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ They eat the rest of the food rations.</li> <li>Ⓑ They leave some unnecessary supplies at camp.</li> <li>Ⓒ They forcibly remove Mercedes from the sled.</li> <li>Ⓓ They all take turns walking.</li> </ul> | <p><b>11. Extended Response:</b> How does the author foreshadow the death of Hal, Charles, Mercedes, and the rest of the dogs? Write a paragraph that uses at least two specific examples from the text.</p> <p><b>12. Extended Response:</b> Describe in a paragraph how both Buck and Hal reveal a stubborn personality trait, and what effect it has on their behavior. Then, describe how stubbornness can sometimes be a positive and sometimes a negative character trait.</p> |
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1. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓓ *Analyze Plot*
3. Ⓒ *Analyze Setting*
4. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓓ *Fact and Opinion*
7. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
11. Answers will vary, but may mention the description of spring weather causing ice to melt, the advice of John Thornton not to continue on their journey, and Buck's feelings of impending doom. They may also talk about the distracted nature, irritability, and haughtiness of Hal, Charles, and Mercedes that allow them to plunge headlong into disaster without heeding the signs of danger.
12. Answers for the first part of the question should explain Buck's refusal to obey Hal when he attempted to make Buck continue from John Thornton's camp, and how that prevented Buck from dying with the rest of the dogs. Answers will also mention Hal's stubbornness in pushing the dogs forward against all advice. Answers will conclude with an examination of how stubbornness can be both a positive and negative trait. Examples in which stubbornness can be an asset may include times where maintaining beliefs in spite of opposition has positive results. Examples in which stubbornness can be a problem may include times when a character is unwilling to change even when it is necessary, such as when Hal's stubbornness causes him to ignore all advice.