

READING MINI-TEST**Connections:****LIFE IN 999: A GRIM STRUGGLE****Feature accompanying Beowulf****Pupil's Edition page 47**

Analogy: For each of the following items, determine the relationship between the first pair of words. Then, on the line provided, write the letter of the answer choice that *best* expresses the same relationship as that of the original pair. (32 points; 8 points each)

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| <p>_____ 1. TUBERCULOSIS :DISEASE ::</p> <p>A fish :trout</p> <p>B hut :dwelling</p> <p>C preacher :hymnal</p> <p>D symphony :composer</p> <p>E truth :lie</p> | <p>_____ 3. SHROUDED :OBSCURED ::</p> <p>A enormous : average</p> <p>B concrete : abstract</p> <p>C mercenary :saintly</p> <p>D ethereal :earthy</p> <p>E coy :shy</p> |
| <p>_____ 2. ARBOREOUS : FOREST ::</p> <p>A varied :monotone</p> <p>B heated :oil</p> <p>C secular :priest</p> <p>D aristocratic :lord</p> <p>E necessary :luxury</p> | <p>_____ 4. TAPER :LIGHT ::</p> <p>A fire :heat</p> <p>B salvation :prayer</p> <p>C laugh :glee</p> <p>D barbarian :brute</p> <p>E character :novel</p> |

Sentence Completion: Each blank in the following items indicates that a word has been omitted. For each item, choose the word or set of words that *best* completes the sentence. Write the letter of your choice on the line provided before the number. (32 points; 8 points each)

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| <p>_____ 5. In 999, most of Europe was covered by dangerous, wild, and _____ forests.</p> <p>A homey</p> <p>B attractive</p> <p>C inhospitable</p> <p>D rapturous</p> <p>E enticing</p> | <p>_____ 7. Medieval lords lived in castles, but peasants were _____ to primitive, simple huts.</p> <p>A sent</p> <p>B consigned</p> <p>C abandoned</p> <p>D shuttled</p> <p>E entrusted</p> |
| <p>_____ 6. Although serfs led lives of _____, numerous church holidays offered them some temporary _____ from their labor.</p> <p>A frugality . . . exemption</p> <p>B debauchery . . . protection</p> <p>C leisure . . . defense</p> <p>D prosperity . . . forgiveness</p> <p>E drudgery . . . respite</p> | <p>_____ 8. Despite the growing population, the work force was _____.</p> <p>A scant</p> <p>B organized</p> <p>C vigorous</p> <p>D enslaved</p> <p>E burgeoning</p> |

Critical Reading: The following items are based on the selection. Read the selection, and then choose the *best* answer for each item. Write the letter of your choice on the line provided. You may refer to the selection as needed. (36 points; 6 points each)

- _____ 9. The primary purpose of this passage is to
A explain a political movement
B justify the lifestyle of the nobility
C predict the changes in society
D describe a time period
E argue for better health standards
- _____ 10. The average person who lived in Europe during the Middle Ages was
A malnourished and impoverished
B educated and inquisitive
C barbaric and irrational
D selfless and compassionate
E carefree and guarded
- _____ 11. In the context of the third paragraph, “indulgence” probably means
A hostility
B devotion
C cooperation
D sophistication
E comprehension
- _____ 12. Paragraph seven states that the nobility struggled to maintain its “prerogatives.” The *best* definition of this term is
A interrogations
B obligations
C taxes
D privileges
E property
- _____ 13. According to the selection, Europeans who lived during the turn of the first century did not fear the millennium (1000) because
A the feudal system would soon be replaced by a more democratic system
B they were aware that future castles would be made of granite
C their world already was so miserable that the future did not worry them
D the nobility promised to protect them
E they expected living conditions to improve dramatically
- _____ 14. The tone of this passage can *best* be described as
A jovial
B informative
C remorseful
D optimistic
E resentful