

Worksheet 5: The Fly

Name: _____ Class: _____ Roll No.: _____ Date: _____

Tick (✓) the correct option.

1. Mr Woodifield didn't want to leave though it was time for him to go because:
 - a. it was very cold outside
 - b. Tuesday was the only day when he could step out of the house
 - c. he really didn't have the strength to walk
2. The boss drew Mr Woodifield's attention to the:
 - a. new carpet and new furniture
 - b. new carpet and electric heating
 - c. new carpet, new furniture, electric heating except to the photograph of his son
3. The boss felt kindly towards Mr Woodifield because:
 - a. he seemed to be getting forgetful
 - b. he thought he was on his last pins
 - c. both a. & b.
4. Mr Woodifield was rolling the whisky 'in his chaps'. What does 'chaps' mean?
 - a. A term for men.
 - b. A slang for mouth.
 - c. A term for hands.
5. 'You've not been across, have yer?' What does 'across' mean here?
 - a. To move from one side to the other.
 - b. To have visited the place.
 - c. In every part.
6. In the first few months after his son's death, the boss said this of time in relation to grief:
 - a. time is a great healer
 - b. time made no difference at all
 - c. neither a. nor b.
7. As to his popularity with the staff, every man jack of them down to old Macey couldn't make enough of the boy. Here 'every man jack' means:
 - a. everyone without exception
 - b. everyone named 'Jack'
 - c. everyone in the office was named 'Jack'

8. Why was the photograph of the son in the office not the boss's favourite?
- a. It was an old photograph.
 - b. The expression of the son in the photograph was not natural.
 - c. The photograph had faded away with time.
9. The fly in the inkpot was:
- a. swimming in it
 - b. lying still
 - c. was trying to clamber out of it
10. The pluckiness of the fly made the boss feel:
- a. an admiration for it
 - b. bad about himself
 - c. irritated
11. Just before the boss dropped the _____ blot of ink, he decided that it would be the last.
- a. first
 - b. second
 - c. third
12. The boss flung away the corpse of the fly with:
- a. the paper-knife
 - b. the blotting paper
 - c. a broom
13. After the boss flung the fly away into the waste-paper basket he felt:
- a. a sense of relief
 - b. a grinding feeling of wretchedness overwhelming him
 - c. nothing at all
14. 'Bring me some fresh blotting-paper,' he said sternly, 'and look sharp about it.' What does 'look sharp' mean here?
- a. To do something smartly.
 - b. To hurry up.
 - c. To be well-dressed.