

***Moby Dick* Test**
ENG 10

Directions: Answer the following multiple choice questions on your scantron.

1. The famous first words of *Moby Dick* are
 - A. I am Ishmael
 - B. Call me Ishmael
 - C. There was once a whale....
 - D. The seas are a source of wonder and terror.

2. What does Ishmael want on the sea?
 - A. Solitude
 - B. The truth of religion
 - C. Freedom and adventure
 - D. money earned in a high profit enterprise

3. What season is it when the story begins?
 - A. Winter
 - B. Summer
 - C. Spring
 - D. Fall

4. Ishmael was formerly a
 - A. Lawyer
 - B. Teacher
 - C. Bricklayer
 - D. Fisherman

5. Why is Queequeg hired as a shipmate on the whaling ship?
 - A. His skill as a harpooner
 - B. He scares the people into hiring him
 - C. He pays to get on the boat
 - D. Because Ishmael won't go without him

6. What reward does Ahab offer for catching Moby Dick?
 - A. Spanish gold
 - B. Spanish silver
 - C. Spanish platinum
 - D. None of the above

7. Who is the owner of the ship
 - a. Melville
 - b. Ahab
 - c. Starbuck
 - d. Mapplethorpe
 - e. Peleg

8. Who is the Captain?
 - a. Melville
 - b. Ahab
 - c. Starbuck
 - d. Mapplethorpe
 - e. Peleg

9. Who is the first mate?
 - a. Flask
 - b. Ismael
 - c. Peleg
 - d. Starbuck
 - e. Stubb

10. Who is the second mate?
 - a. Starbuck
 - b. Flask
 - c. Stubb
 - d. Peleg
 - e. Tashtego

11. Who is the third mate?
 - a. Starbuck
 - b. Flask
 - c. Stubb
 - d. Peleg
 - e. Tashtego

12. Who are the harpooners?
 - a. Peleg, Stubb, and Flask
 - b. Tashtego Queequeg, and Daggoo
 - c. Pequod, Pip, and Ismael
 - d. Orinoco, Balom, and Dirigenius
 - e. Charguege, Insinieto, and Redux

13. What is the ship?
 - a. The Acushnent
 - b. The Rachel
 - c. The Peleg
 - d. The Pequod
 - e. The Bounty

14. Who is the most determined CHRISTIAN among the characters?
 - a. Peleg
 - b. Ishmael
 - c. Ahab
 - d. Starbuck
 - e. Pequod

15. Who wrote *Moby Dick* ?
 - a. James Fenmore Cooper
 - b. Franklin Pierce
 - c. Franklin Templeton
 - d. Herman Mellville
 - e. Nathaniel Hawthorne

16. What type of whale is Moby Dick?
 A. White whale C. Killer whale E. Both A & B
 B. Sperm whale D. None of the above
17. What is the motto that Ahab spouts to the crew?
 A. "Down with Moby Dick" C. "Death to Moby Dick"
 B. "Death to the demon whale" D. "A gold piece for the killer!"
18. What happens to Pip when he is stranded in the ocean?
 A. He is bitten by Moby Dick C. He floats on a coffin
 B. He is almost attacked by a shark D. He prays to God
19. How is Ahab injured during a whale hunt?
 A. His wooden leg breaks C. He breaks his forearm
 B. He gets accidentally harpooned D. He is stabbed by Starbuck
20. How is Ahab actually killed?
 A. Eaten by Moby Dick C. He drowns tied to Moby Dick
 B. Accidentally harpooned D. He has a heart attack

True/False

Directions: *If the answer is true, fill in "A" on your scantron. If the answer is false, fill in "B" on your scantron.*

21. ____ *Moby Dick* was written in the early 1900's.
22. ____ The first whale hunt is successful.
23. ____ Starbuck is the narrator of the story.
24. ____ The story begins in Nantucket.
25. The Native American Harpooner is
 a. Daggoo
 b. Peleg
 c. Pequod
 d. Pip
 e. Tashtego
26. The African Harpooner is
 a. Daggoo
 b. Tashtego
 c. Peleg
 d. Pequod
 e. Queequeg

27 The Polynesian Harpooner is

- a. Daggoo
- b. Tashtego
- c. Queequeg
- d. Peleg
- e. Pequod

28. Moby Dick was written in what century?

- a. 17th
- b. 18th
- c. 19th
- d. 20th
- e. 21st

29. The point of view of Moby Dick is

- a. First person POV
- b. Second person POV
- c. Third person POV
- d. Fourth Person POV
- e. Fifth person POV

30. The narrator of Moby Dick is

- a. Ishmael
- b. Melville
- c. Pierce
- d. Pequod
- e. Hawthorne

31. The narration is given by

- a. The author
- b. Melville
- c. Ishmael
- d. Ahab

32. What does Ishmael think of Non-Christians?

- a. Hates them
- b. Wants to convert them
- c. wants to kill them
- d. wants to respect them

33. Who wants – above all other considerations – to stop Ahab in his mad quest to get Moby Dick?

- a. Ishmael
- b. Queequeg
- c. the English captain
- d. Starbuck
- e. Pequod

34. The English Captain lost a _____ because of Moby Dick
- a prized sailor
 - a beloved son
 - an arm
 - a leg
 - an entire whaling ship
- 35 Moby Dick is a
- Humpback Whale
 - Killer Whale
 - Sperm Whale
 - Fin Whale
- 36 Ahab's ship must travel around _____ to chase Moby Dick
- The Cape of Good Hope – southern Africa
 - The Cape Horn – South America
 - Cape Cod – North America
 - Cabo San Lucas – Mexico
- 37 Ahab puts a gold coin on the masthead – the first to spot Moby Dick will earn it.
ACCORDING TO AHAB, who spots him first?
- Tashtego
 - Queequeg
 - Daggoo
 - Ishmael
 - Ahab
- 38 Starbuck wants Ahab to
- Give up on the white whale
 - Get the white whale
- 39 Above all things, Ahab wants _____ against Moby Dick.
- Justice
 - Agreement
 - Forgiveness
 - Revenge
- 40 Who survives at the end?
- Tashtego
 - Daggoo
 - Ishmael
 - Queequeg
 - Starbuck

- 41 Who is the jolliest (happy-go-lucky) officer on the ship?
- Starbuck
 - Flask
 - Stubb
 - Ahab
- 42 Who is the most thoughtful officer?
- Stubb
 - Starbuck
 - Flask
 - Pequod
 - Peleg
- 43 Where on earth does Ahab do his final combat with Moby Dick?
- Saint Helena Sea
 - Just off the coast of South Africa – the Cape of Good Hope
 - Java
 - The Sea of Japan
 - The Sea of Cortez
44. How does Ahab abuse his authority as a Whale-ship captain?
- He is cruel to the crew – against the orders of the owners of the ship.
 - he is cruel to the harpooners - against the orders of the owners of the ship.
 - he is cruel to Starbuck - against the orders of the owners of the ship.
 - He pursues Moby Dick rather than concentrating on hunting regular whales for the owners of the ship.
 - He crosses the Indian Ocean – against the orders of the owners – rather than remaining in the Atlantic whale grounds, as is specified by the owners of his ship.
45. What is Ahab's sin?
- idealism
 - violence against whales
 - revenge
 - thinking that Christianity is the only valid religion.
- 46 What does the word, IDOL mean?
- A lot of money
 - A role model
 - A non-Christian god.
 - A a journey devoted to revenge.
- 47 Ishmael learns at least one terrible truth. It is that
- If you leave Christianity, you will suffer.
 - If you live with savages, you will suffer from savages.
 - If you fight nature and its powerful creatures, nature will fight back.
 - If you mix Africans, Polynesians, and Native Americans, conflict will naturally emerge.

48. Does Ahab learn the terrible truth contained in one of the answers to question # 45.

- a. No
- b. Yes
- c. Yes – but he cannot resist the urge continue doing as he has been doing.
- d. Maybe – but the reader will never know what actually motivated Ahab.

49. Given the way of thinking in this old story: if God decided to talk to Ahab, what might God say?

- a. Love makes the world go round – make up with Moby Dick.
- b. Avenge my godly law, Ahab, and punish those who oppose me – including the whale.
- c. Vengeance is mine, Ahab, not yours.
- d. Support solid ecological consciousness by saving the whales.
- e. Check out Xfinity tonight for some great viewing.

50 In the end, Moby Dick proves

- a. That whales are better than humans
- b. That he is the greatest whale
- c. That nature will destroy those who seek to destroy it.
- d. That strong willed people can defeat nature.
- e. That Ahab was an evil man