

Selection Test**Score****The Monkey's Paw** (page 172)**Recalling and Interpreting** (56 points total; 8 points each)**Write the letter of the best answer.**

- _____ 1. The White family's initial response to Sergeant Major Morris's claims about the monkey's paw is mainly
- a. excited.
 - b. doubtful.
 - c. frightened.
 - d. uninterested.
- _____ 2. Morris's own attitude toward the monkey's paw could best be described as
- a. angry.
 - b. terrified.
 - c. respectful.
 - d. disappointed.
- _____ 3. People to whom Morris has offered to sell the monkey's paw have been unwilling to buy it because they
- a. feared its magical powers.
 - b. doubted that it could grant their wishes.
 - c. did not have enough money to pay the price he asked.
 - d. were unwilling to limit themselves to sensible wishes.
- _____ 4. What does the story suggest about Morris's personal experiences with the monkey's paw?
- a. His wishes had mixed results.
 - b. All of his wishes had terrible results.
 - c. All of his wishes had pleasant results.
 - d. He, himself, never wished on the monkey's paw.
- _____ 5. What attitude does Herbert display toward his father's wish on the monkey's paw?
- a. fearful
 - b. amazed
 - c. disgusted
 - d. lighthearted
- _____ 6. When the monkey's paw moves in his hand, Mr. White's response could best be described as
- a. reassured.
 - b. fascinated.
 - c. excited and hopeful.
 - d. frightened and disgusted.
- _____ 7. What is Mr. White's third wish?
- a. that Herbert is dead
 - b. that the knocking stop
 - c. that Herbert had never died
 - d. that he had never wished on the monkey's paw

Selection Test (continued)

Using Vocabulary (15 points total; 3 points each)

Write the letter of the best answer.

- _____ 8. An avaricious person finds it difficult to
 - a. share.
 - b. stay awake.
 - c. feel confident.

- _____ 9. A person who deals with a task doggedly demonstrates
 - a. insecurity.
 - b. resentment.
 - c. persistence.

- _____ 10. You are most likely to speak amiably to someone you
 - a. like.
 - b. fear.
 - c. hate.

- _____ 11. A presumptuous person is likely to be thought of as
 - a. shy.
 - b. rude.
 - c. mysterious.

- _____ 12. A word that means the opposite of *enthralled* is
 - a. lively.
 - b. bored.
 - c. encouraged.

Interpreting and Evaluating (14 points total; 7 points each)

In each left-hand box below, identify ONE particularly suspenseful moment in the story, and in each right-hand box, explain what made that moment suspenseful.

13. A suspenseful moment was	What made it suspenseful was
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14. A suspenseful moment was	What made it suspenseful was
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Evaluating and Connecting (15 points)

Use a separate sheet of paper to answer the following essay question.

- 15. Do you think the Whites deserved what happened to them? Why or why not?

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Answers

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Recalling and Interpreting

(56 points total; 8 points each)

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| 1. b | 5. d |
| 2. c | 6. d |
| 3. b | 7. a |
| 4. a | |

Using Vocabulary

(15 points total; 3 points each)

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| 8. a | 11. b |
| 9. c | 12. b |
| 10. a | |

Interpreting and Evaluating

(14 points total; 7 points each)

- 13–14. Answers will vary. Possible answers could include
- when Mr. White makes the first wish, because
- magic is intriguing
 - reader expects wish to be fulfilled
 - Morris's behavior has suggested the paw's power
 - paw moves, suggesting wish will be fulfilled
 - wish isn't immediately fulfilled, so reader wonders what will happen
- when the nicely dressed stranger arrives, because
- no one knows who he is or what he wants
 - seems his appearance is tied to wish
 - his behavior suggests something isn't right
- when Mrs. White tries to open the door near end of story, because
- it isn't certain what's on other side
 - reader doesn't know if she'll get it open before husband stops her
 - reader expects her to be confronted by son
 - reader is anxious about son's arrival

Evaluating and Connecting (15 points)

15. Answers will vary. Most students will feel that the Whites did not deserve what happened to them because
- they had done nothing bad.
 - no family member had exhibited greed, selfishness, cruelty, or any other serious character flaw in their interest in the monkey's paw.
 - Mr. White had followed Morris's warning to wish only for something practical.

- even if it is bad to try to get something for nothing, no family member deserved to be punished so harshly and horribly for wishing for a moderate sum of money.
- Morris had not given the family any specific examples of horrible consequences resulting from wishing on the paw.
- Morris should have warned the family that one could not control how the wish was granted.
- Mr. White made a simple wish that he didn't expect to have granted; almost anyone would believe this to be harmless.

Students who feel that the family deserved what happened to them could say that

- Morris clearly thought that they would regret using the paw, and he was in a position to know; the Whites should have heeded him.
- no one should get involved with magic; it is too dangerous.
- trying to get something for nothing often has bad consequences.

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Selection Test (page 31)

Recalling and Interpreting

(60 points total; 10 points each)

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| 1. a | 4. c |
| 2. b | 5. a |
| 3. a | 6. c |