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1. Which genre is The Road?

- a) Science fiction
- b) Adventure
- c) Post-Apocalyptic fiction

2. Where are the protagonists going, and why?

- a) South, to find the father's family.
- b) East, to find food and shelter.
- c) South, to escape the cold of the coming winter.

3. Why do the man and his son wear masks?

- a) They are trying to avoid getting sick from the infected people around them.
- b) They have to hide their identities from others, to avoid being caught.
- c) They are trying to avoid breathing in the dust and ash around them.

4. How has the man prepared the boy for danger?

- a) He's provided a knapsack filled with essential things in case they have to run.
- b) He's taught him how to move silently through a forest, hiding his tracks.
- c) He has a map with escape routes in case they have to leave the main road.

5. What do they find in the roadside gas station, and take with them?

- a) a cash register full of money
 - b) motor oil - almost a half quart, from the dregs of several individual bottles
 - c) automotive manuals which will help them fix their vehicle
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6. What are they using to carry their food, blankets, and tarps?

- a) a motorcycle and sidecar
- b) three little red wagons, tied together with bungee cords
- c) a grocery cart

7. “You forget what you want to remember, and you remember what you want to forget.” (12) Why does the man say this?

- a) He is cautioning his son against looking at upsetting things, like corpses in the street.
- b) He is trying to teach his son something important about shopping lists.
- c) He is scolding the boy because he asks too many questions.

8. The father remembers “the perfect day of his childhood.” (13) What was it?

- a) doing homework with his sisters in front of the fireplace, on a stormy night
- b) helping his uncle with rowing a boat to to an island, in order to retrieve a tree stump, in the summer
- c) going to sleep under a slanted ceiling in his parents’ home

9. Why is darkness a problem in the book?

- a) There is so much ash and dust in the atmosphere that star and moonlight is blocked out.
 - b) The man and the boy sleep during the day and move at night, in order to avoid people.
 - c) The boy has frequent nightmares, and it wears his father out.
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10. What does the father worry about the most?

- a) the murderous bloodcults finding them
- b) shoes and food
- c) losing the map

11. What does the man think about dreams?

- a) Pleasant dreams make it harder for him to want to wake up and keep living.
- b) Bad dreams make it harder for him to wake up and keep living.
- c) They don't mean anything; they're just annoying.

12. Why is the Coca Cola in the supermarket significant?

- a) It may be the last one they see for a long time, so the boy shares it with his father.
- b) It may be the last one they see for a long time, so the boy drinks it all himself.
- c) It may be the last one they see for a long time, so they don't open it but take it with them.

13. What is missing from all the mummified corpses in the city?

- a) their heads
- b) their feet
- c) their shoes

14. What does the father remember about the first years after the disaster?

- a) There were many people on the roads, wearing masks and goggles, shrouded in their clothing, and pulling their belongings in carts or wagons.
 - b) The military had come and rounded everyone up into camps, using transport trucks to force the people out of their homes.
 - c) No-one had been on the roads; they had moved to the mountains instead.
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15. Why is the boy all that stands between the man and death?

- a) His son is his reason for living - he must make sure that the boy is safe.
- b) The boy has a cure for the disease that has killed so many people.
- c) His son is a clone of himself - he has to teach the boy all that he knows before he dies.

16. What is the first indication that the father is sick?

- a) He starts vomiting.
- b) He has violent seizures.
- c) He starts coughing up blood.

17. According to the man, how fast did it take civilization to fall apart after the disaster?

- a) a year
- b) ten years
- c) two months

18. What is the significance of the hot cocoa the father serves to the boy?

- a) It reminds the boy that his father had promised to always share their food equally.
- b) It is the last of their food supplies.
- c) They mix it with the Coca Cola for a special treat.

19. What do the protagonists do when they find the waterfall?

- a) They find a cave behind the water curtain, where they can sleep safely.
 - b) They strip and go for a swim, in spite of the cold water.
 - c) They write a message on the rock wall for anyone coming behind them.
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20. How is the jackknifed tractor trailer both an obstacle and a benefit for them?

- a) It blocks the highway bridge enough that they have to unpack and slide the cart underneath, but provides them with a warm place to sleep for one night.
- b) It blocks the highway bridge enough that they have to unpack and slide the cart underneath, but they find a lot of food in the trailer that they can take with them.
- c) The engine is still full of diesel fuel, but when they unhitch the trailer they cannot get the truck turned in the right direction.

21. When they meet the burned man, what do we learn about their characters?

- a) The boy doesn't want to help him, but the father wants to try.
- b) The father doesn't want to help him, but the boy wants to try.
- c) Neither of them notice the man at first, nearly running him over with their cart - they are incredibly wrapped up in themselves.

22. What does the man leave on the blacktop of the road?

- a) his wallet
- b) his money, credit cards, driver's license and his wife's picture
- c) his son's toy schoolbus

23. On the night of the disaster, what was the man's first action after discovering the power was out?

- a) He went to the nearest store to collect as much food as possible, before it was all gone.
 - b) He gathered up all of his camping equipment and with his wife, left their home.
 - c) He immediately filled his bathtub, though his wife was confused by this and thought he was going to take a bath.
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24. When was the last time the man had heard birds in the air?

- a) in the early years after the disaster
- b) the day his wife died
- c) the day his son was born

25. What game(s) does he play with his son at night, before they go to sleep?

- a) Monopoly
- b) Card games
- c) Scrabble

26. How did his wife feel about their situation?

- a) There is no point in trying to survive; eventually, they will be caught by a gang and terrible things will happen to them, no matter how hard the man tries to avoid it.
- b) They have to do whatever it takes to make sure their son survives - she would sacrifice herself to make sure he had enough to eat.
- c) She decided to go with a new man who could provide more food and security for her, because the father's efforts weren't good enough.

27. What happened to the man's wife?

- a) She went away and killed herself.
- b) They had to leave her behind when she was too sick to continue.
- c) She was kidnapped by a gang, and killed.

28. What were the circumstances of the boy's birth?

- a) In a barn by the side of the road, a few years after the disaster; she was alone, because the man had gone to look for food.
 - b) In a hospital with doctors and nurses, right before the disaster.
 - c) In their home, in her own bed; the man delivered his son with dishwashing gloves, kitchen shears for the umbilical cord, and a towel for a swaddling cloth.
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