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Test on *The Monkey's Paw* by W.W. Jacobs

- _____ 1. How did Sergeant-Major Morris acquire the monkey's paw?
- A. He found it stuck in a sewer grate on the street
 - B. His sister gave it to him as a gift of good fortune for his 30th birthday
 - C. The man who owned it previously used his last wish for death. After he died, the paw was passed on to Sergeant-Major Morris.
 - D. He bought it on eBay.
- _____ 2. Mr. White's first wish is for...
- A. 200 pounds
 - B. 400 pounds
 - C. 800 pounds
 - D. 1000 pounds
- _____ 3. What happens as a result of the first wish?
- A. The family finds money in an envelope.
 - B. Herbert dies in an accident at work.
 - C. The family wins the lottery and get all the money they need.
 - D. They never receive the money.
- _____ 4. Mr. White's second wish is for...
- A. His son to come back
 - B. More money
 - C. A vacation
 - D. A new house
- _____ 5. What happens as a result of the second wish?
- A. Mrs. White dies.
 - B. There is a mysterious knock at the door.
 - C. Herbert dies in an accident at work.
 - D. Maw and Meggins had to close.
- _____ 6. We can infer that Mr. White's third wish is for...
- A. His life to end peacefully
 - B. His son to remain dead
 - C. His son to come back to life
 - D. His wife to stop crying
- _____ 7. What happens as a result of the third wish?
- A. Mr. White dies
 - B. His son moves back home
 - C. His wife has a heart attack
 - D. The knocking suddenly stops

- _____ 8. What can we infer is the reason that Mr. White is so reluctant to wish for his son's return from the dead?
- A. He didn't love his son
 - B. He wants his son to rest in peace
 - C. He's not even sure his son is dead
 - D. He understands that the way the wishes are answered does not lead to a happy outcome.
- _____ 9. Sergeant-Major Morris suggests to the Whites that the monkey's paw brings...
- A. contentment
 - B. good fortune
 - C. grief
 - D. happiness
- _____ 10. What did the monkey's paw most likely bring to Sergeant-Major Morris?
- A. great joy
 - B. great sadness
 - C. many riches
 - D. peace and harmony
- _____ 11. Herbert is killed when he...
- A. is caught in a terrible storm
 - B. is caught in machinery at work
 - C. travels to India
 - D. tries to steal money from Maw and Meggins
- _____ 12. You can tell that Sergeant-Major Morris thinks that the monkey's paw is dangerous because he...
- A. arrives at the Whites' house during a storm
 - B. says the paw can grant three wishes
 - C. describes the paw as "dried to a mummy"
 - D. throws the paw into the fire
- _____ 13. What detail foreshadows, or hints, that Morris's story about the monkey's paw may be true?
- A. Mr. White feels the paw move
 - B. Herbert beats Mr. White at chess
 - C. Morris tells stories about his life in India
 - D. Mr. White says he has all he really wants
- _____ 14. Mr. White refuses to help his wife open the door because he is...
- A. angry that she awakened him
 - B. afraid that his second wish has come true
 - C. weakened by his grief
 - D. concerned that the house will be too cold
- _____ 15. Why does Mr. White tell his wife that Herbert was badly disfigured?
- A. to better explain the accident that killed Herbert
 - B. to convince her that wishing for Herbert's return is a bad idea
 - C. to help her understand that Herbert will need surgery
 - D. to show that Herbert will not be able to work if he returns

- _____16. What were Mr. White and his son doing while waiting for the sergeant-major to arrive?
- A. examining an evil talisman
 - B. fixing the roof on their cottage
 - C. having an argument
 - D. playing chess
- _____17. Why did the old Indian man originally put a spell on the monkey's paw?
- A. He wanted revenge on a person who had wronged him.
 - B. He wanted to show that people should not interfere with fate.
 - C. He wanted to generate wealth for his family.
 - D. He didn't; the spell was fake.
- _____18. What mood did the author create in this story?
- A. angry
 - B. crazy and depressing
 - C. dark and mysterious
 - D. light and happy
- _____19. People to whom Sergeant-Major Morris had offered to sell the monkey's paw have been unwilling to buy it because they...
- A. feared its powers
 - B. doubted it could grant their wishes
 - C. wanted to make crazy wishes
 - D. did not have enough money to pay the price he asked
- _____20. When the monkey's paw moves in his hand, Mr. White's response could best be described as...
- A. amazed
 - B. excited
 - C. frightened
 - D. reassured