

*Elements of a Short Story***Multiple Choice**

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. Which element of a short story is usually found in the very beginning?
  - a. plot
  - b. setting
  - c. solution
  - d. climax
2. Which element of a short story can be supported by details?
  - a. character
  - b. setting
  - c. theme
  - d. main idea
3. Examples of \_\_\_\_\_ are love/friendship, family, survival, and "good versus evil."
  - a. theme
  - b. setting
  - c. main idea
  - d. problem
4. The person in a work of fiction.
  - a. theme
  - b. setting
  - c. characters
  - d. plot
5. In a fairy tale, this is when the characters live "happily ever after."
  - a. problem
  - b. rising action
  - c. climax
  - d. solution
6. This part of the plot happens after the climax-- when the author **starts** (*not finishes*) tying up loose ends.
  - a. denouement
  - b. rising action
  - c. solution
  - d. conflict
7. The journey the characters take where they are presented with small obstacles is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. rising action
  - b. falling action
  - c. setting
  - d. solution
8. Most people mean the sequence of events when they discuss \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. conflict
  - b. rising action
  - c. solution
  - d. plot
9. When you think of the challenge or obstacle that the main character must meet or overcome, you are describing the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. theme
  - b. problem
  - c. solution
  - d. denouement
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest point of interest when the reader wonders *if* the problem will be solved.
  - a. theme
  - b. climax
  - c. denouement
  - d. solution
11. An example of this includes "It was a dark and stormy night when my cat ran away from home."
  - a. character
  - b. setting
  - c. main idea
  - d. problem
12. How and why the character acts the way he or she does is called what?
  - a. theme
  - b. conflict
  - c. solution
  - d. character traits

**Matching**

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| a. character | e. plot     |
| b. setting   | f. problem  |
| c. theme     | g. solution |
| d. main idea | h. climax   |

13. When and where a story takes place
14. What's happening, the How, and the Why of a story
15. Who or what a story is about.
16. How the problem of a story is solved or the goal is reached.
17. topic or subject of a story
18. the overall difficulty that the main character(s) face
19. this is the turning point of a story, just before the falling action
20. can be summed up in one or 2 sentences and contains the most important information in a piece.

*Elements of a Short Story**Answer Section***MULTIPLE CHOICE**

- |            |        |
|------------|--------|
| 1. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 2. ANS: D  | PTS: 1 |
| 3. ANS: A  | PTS: 1 |
| 4. ANS: C  | PTS: 1 |
| 5. ANS: D  | PTS: 1 |
| 6. ANS: A  | PTS: 1 |
| 7. ANS: A  | PTS: 1 |
| 8. ANS: D  | PTS: 1 |
| 9. ANS: B  | PTS: 1 |
| 10. ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 11. ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 12. ANS: D | PTS: 1 |

**MATCHING**

- |            |        |
|------------|--------|
| 13. ANS: B | PTS: 1 |
| 14. ANS: E | PTS: 1 |
| 15. ANS: A | PTS: 1 |
| 16. ANS: G | PTS: 1 |
| 17. ANS: C | PTS: 1 |
| 18. ANS: F | PTS: 1 |
| 19. ANS: H | PTS: 1 |
| 20. ANS: D | PTS: 1 |