Drama Learning Check
“The Hitchhiker” by Lucille Fletcher

Learning Target 1: I can interpret the meaning of words and phrases.
1. What is the meaning of the word “mad” as used in the statement: “I know that I'm at this moment perfectly sane, that it's not me who's gone mad...”?
   A. Joyful
   B. Angry
   C. Insane
   D. Calm

2. What is the meaning of the word “drab” as used in the statement: “He [the hitchhiker] was drab as a mud fence...”?
   A. Brightly colored
   B. Dull and uninteresting
   C. Covered with large spots
   D. Full of many colors

3. What is the meaning of the word “dogs” as used in the statement: “...you mind if I take off my shoes? My dogs are killin' me.”?
   A. Pets
   B. Hands
   C. Knees
   D. Feet

Learning Target 2: I can analyze the structure of a drama.
4. This drama is told in chronological order. How does this help you understand the story?
   A. Helps you see the events in the order that they happened
   B. Helps you remember that this story is fiction
   C. Helps you understand what the hitchhiker looks like
   D. Helps you relate to Ronald’s fears of the Hitchhiker

5. Put these events in the order they occurred in the story.
   I. The storekeeper threatens to call the sheriff if Ronald doesn’t leave immediately.
   II. Ronald hears that he died 6 days earlier in an accident on the Brooklyn Bridge.
   III. Ronald sees the Hitchhiker on the Brooklyn Bridge and swerves to avoid hitting him.
   IV. The female hitchhiker fearfully runs away from Ronald after he almost kills them.
   A. I, II, III, IV
   B. IV, I, III, II
   C. III, I, IV, II
   D. II, IV, I, III
Learning Target 3: I can analyze the meaning of a drama.
6. What theme does Lucille Fletcher want the reader to learn?

A. Death only comes to people who have picked up hitchhikers on the road.
B. Women are the only hitchhikers that you can safely give a ride to.
C. Sometimes you are more insane than you realize.
D. Death cannot be avoided because it always gets the person it comes for.

7. Which quote from the story supports that theme?

A. “Somewhere among them, he [the hitchhiker] is waiting for me.”
B. “I’ve read somewhere that love could banish demons.”
C. “How does this door work?! I’m gettin’ outta here!”
D. “Mother, I’ll be back. I’ll only be on the coast for three months.”

Learning Target 4: I can analyze the effects of various medium techniques on written and audio dramas.
8. This drama includes many technical elements of drama, such as sound effects and music. Explain how each of these elements affects the story?

Learning Target 5: I can analyze how particular elements of a drama interact.
9. What plot event causes Ronald to ask the gas station attendant about hitchhikers?

A. Ronald read in a book that the roads are full of hitchhikers.
B. The attendant told Ronald that he shouldn’t pick up any hitchhikers.
C. Ronald wants to pick up the mysterious Hitchhiker but is afraid to.
D. Ronald has seen the same mysterious Hitchhiker 3 times in a row.
10. What statement from the story is an example of foreshadowing?

A. “Nice night, isn't it?”
B. “No, not this time of night, mister! My wife's the cook, she's in bed!”
C. “Mrs. Adams is not at home. She's still in the hospital.”
D. “Don't you worry. There isn't anything going to happen. It's just eight days of...driving.”

11. What event causes the female passenger to jump out of Ronald’s car and run off?

A. Ronald, seeing the Hitchhiker, swerves the car off the road twice.
B. She sees a friend that she intends to stay with for a few days.
C. Ronald becomes afraid of the Hitchhiker and tells her to leave.
D. Ronald’s mother tells him not to pick up any female passengers.

Learning Target 6: I can cite textual evidence to support my inferences of a text.

12. What detail(s) from the story proves that the Hitchhiker is not a real person?
I. He calls out “Hellloooo” to Ronald each time Ronald meets him on the road.
II. He is everywhere that Ronald goes, even though Ronald is traveling faster.
III. The female passenger never sees the Hitchhiker, even though Ronald does.
IV. The Hitchhiker is always covered with water, even in areas where it has not rained.

A. I
B. I and III
C. II, III, and IV
D. I, II, III, and IV

13. What important conclusion can you draw from Ronald’s conversation with Mrs. Whitney at the end of the play?

A. Ronald’s mother has died, and Mrs. Whitney, who now lives in his house, is pretending not to know Ronald.
B. When Ronald saw the Hitchhiker on the Brooklyn Bridge and swerved to miss him, he actually had a wreck and died.
C. The female hitchhiker and the Hitchhiker are both evil beings who are trying to torture Ronald Adams as he takes his trip.
D. Ronald has been asleep throughout the entire story, and all of his encounters with the Hitchhiker have been a dream.

14. Who/what do you believe the Hitchhiker really is?

A. An alien from another planet who is attempting to take over planet Earth
B. A man who doesn’t own a car and needs a ride to an important place
C. The Angel of Death who has come for Ronald since Ronald died on the bridge
D. A crazy man who wants to get rid of Ronald, steal his car, and take over his life