

Here are a few questions from each section as a sample.

The Alchemist Unit Test

Complete each section of the test as directed.

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1. Email *

2. Your Name: Last, First *

5 points

Identify

Choose the correct answer.

3. Tells the boy to show him where there is life in the desert *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Fatima
- B. Gypsy
- C. Alchemist
- D. Narcissus

4. Hooded men of the desert who provide information *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Alchemists
- B. Bedouins
- C. Monks
- D. Gypsies

5. It is a good omen. *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Dream
- B. Crystal
- C. Oasis
- D. Butterfly

6. His words of faith were to be remembered for all time. *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Bedouin
- B. Joseph
- C. Centurion
- D. Alchemist

7. The boy's help greatly increases his business; ___ Merchant *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Crystal
- B. Gypsy
- C. Emerald
- D. Pyramid

8. Leads the boy to begin his journey *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Merchant
- B. Fatima
- C. Alchemist
- D. Dream

9. Location of the Pyramids *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Egypt
- B. Oasis
- C. Mecca
- D. Spain

22. Alchemist claims the boy can turn himself into this. *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. Wind
- B. Water
- C. Fire
- D. Gold

Multiple Choice

Choose the best option to answer each question.

23. According to the old man, what is the world's greatest lie? *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. The world's greatest lie is that people have the free will to do as they wish.
- B. The world's greatest lie is that people cannot see into the past or the future.
- C. The world's greatest lie is that people's lives are controlled by fate.
- D. The world's greatest lie is that people were meant to be happy.

24. What happens immediately after the old man tells the boy that he "will have to follow the omens" in order to find his treasure? *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. A wolf howls in the distance.
- B. A butterfly flutters between them.
- C. An eagle flies overhead.
- D. The old man disappears.

25. What does the boy do to earn food to eat? *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. He sells his sheep in order to buy food.
- B. He cleans stalls for the camel herder.
- C. He serves tables at the tavern where he'd met the thief, hoping to run into him.
- D. He cleans glassware.

26. Which of the following is NOT a part of the five obligations outlined by the Prophet in the Koran? *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. One should fast during Ramadan.
- B. One should pray five times a day.
- C. One should tithe ten percent of his income to the church.
- D. One should believe in the one true God.

27. Where does the boy decide to go once he leaves the merchant's home? *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. He joins a caravan heading towards Egypt.
- B. He decides to go to Salem to find the old king.
- C. He wishes to find the boy who robbed him and thank him for forcing him to take better care of himself.
- D. He goes on a ship to Spain.

37. What does the boy find beneath the sycamore tree in the ruined church? * 1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. He finds an old conquistador's chest of gold.
- B. He finds a bag of diamonds, rubies, and emeralds.
- C. He finds a map that leads directly to buried treasure.
- D. He finds the Philosopher's Stone that the alchemist left for him.

Quotations

Choose the options that complete the quotes correctly.

38. "It's the possibility of having ____ that makes life interesting." * 1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. true love
- B. great wealth
- C. a dream come true
- D. special powers

39. "No reason is needed for ____." * 1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. loving
- B. lying
- C. dreaming
- D. following the wind

46. "When we strive to become better than we are, ____." *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. everything around us becomes better, too
- B. we destroy our fate
- C. our destinies will be fulfilled
- D. our souls rejoice

47. "Every blessing ignored becomes ____." *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. a butterfly
- B. tarnished
- C. a curse
- D. a sin

Extended Answer

Answer each question completely, in paragraph form.

48. Discuss three positive and three negative character traits of Santiago. What do these traits show you about the kind of person the boy is? *

5 points

49. Choose two of the boy's "teachers" during his journey. What lesson does he learn from each? * 5 points

50. Explain how Langston Hughes's poem "A Dream Deferred" relates to The Alchemist . * 5 points

51. Explain the connection between the myth of Narcissus and The Alchemist . * 5 points

64. Worn down by scraping or rubbing *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. abraded
- B. tattered
- C. luminous
- D. originated

65. Annoying *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. scuttling
- B. commencing
- C. levanter
- D. irritating

66. Developed gradually *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. abraded
- B. commenced
- C. originated
- D. evolved

67. To consider thoroughly; think fully or deeply about *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. surveillance
- B. insist
- C. contemplate
- D. refrain

68. Forbidden by authority *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. prohibited
- B. tinged
- C. preconceived
- D. immersed

69. Duties *

1 point

Mark only one oval.

- A. omens
- B. obligations
- C. objectives
- D. tethers

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