

Multiple Choice Questions

Act I Scene One

1. During what time period does the play take place?
 - a. Sometime between WWI and WWII
 - b. Sometime between WWII and the present
 - c. During the Vietnam War
 - d. Before WWI
2. Who is Beneatha?
 - a. Mama
 - b. Walter and Ruth's daughter
 - c. Travis's sister
 - d. Walter's sister
3. Why was Ruth upset when Walter gave Travis the money?
 - a. She was trying to save money for Beneatha's education.
 - b. They didn't have the money to spare.
 - c. She was mad at Walter anyway. The money was just an excuse to vent her feelings.
 - d. Travis was too young to get any money.
4. Walter said, "Damn my eggs . . . damn all the eggs that ever was!" Why?
 - a. Walter was tired of Ruth's being sick all the time.
 - b. Walter was mad because Ruth had burned his breakfast.
 - c. Walter is tired of eating eggs.
 - d. Walter wants to dream of a better life and Ruth keeps pushing reality back at him.
5. Why was Mama getting a check for \$10,000?
 - a. It was insurance money from her husband's life insurance.
 - b. She had won the lottery.
 - c. She had won a contest.
 - d. The bank was sending her a check for the amount in her account. Since she was old, she thought it was time to spend her money.
6. Why did Beneatha say she wouldn't marry George?
 - a. He was too conceited.
 - b. He was too poor.
 - c. He was too shallow.
 - d. She just didn't like him.
7. What was Beneatha's attitude towards God?
 - a. She was very religious.
 - b. She did not believe in God.
 - c. She thought he was an unjust God.
 - d. "God is dead."
8. What happened to Ruth at the end of Act I Scene One?
 - a. Walter hit her.

- b. She burned herself while ironing.
- c. She fainted.
- d. She burst into tears.

Act I Scene Two

- 9. Who is Joseph Asagai?
 - a. Beneatha's African friend
 - b. Walter's business partner
 - c. Ruth's doctor
 - d. Beneatha's teacher from Africa
- 10. 2. What did Ruth find out at the doctor's office?
 - a. She was pregnant.
 - b. Beneatha was pregnant.
 - c. She was suffering from depression.
 - d. She was exhausted and needed rest.
- 11. What is Asagai's present to Beneatha?
 - a. Books about assimilationism
 - b. Two kittens - Willy and Bobo
 - c. Clothing from Nigeria
 - d. An invitation to go to Nigeria with him
- 12. Why is Asagai's nickname for Beneatha appropriate?
 - a. It means "Doctor of the Future."
 - b. It means "Hopeful Beauty."
 - c. It means "One More Chance."
 - d. It means "One for Whom Bread - food - Is Not Enough."
- 13. What does Mama say is "dangerous"?
 - a. When a man goes outside his own home to look for peace
 - b. When a man goes to the South side of Chicago
 - c. When a girl brings foreigners into her home
 - d. When God is forgotten in the home
- 14. Where did Ruth actually go instead of the doctor's office?
 - a. To check up on Beneatha
 - b. To look for a new house
 - c. To see a woman about having an abortion
 - d. To find out where the money was
- 15. Why did Mama call Walter a disgrace to his father's memory?
 - a. He had turned his back on God and had become an alcoholic.
 - b. He beat his wife and disgraced his mother.
 - c. He had become too concerned with money and had lost traditional family values.
 - d. He was too eager to spend the money Mama would receive from his father's insurance policy.

Act II Scene One

16. What was Beneatha's family doing when George came in?
 - a. Eating breakfast
 - b. Arguing
 - c. Dancing and signed Nigerian songs
 - d. Talking about the insurance money
17. What are "assimilationist Negroes"?
 - a. Negroes who do not believe in God
 - b. Negroes who have left Africa to go to American and become educated
 - c. Negroes who still live a tribal life in Nigeria
 - d. Negroes who give up their cultural heritage and take on the culture of a more dominant society
18. What did Mama do with her money?
 - a. Made a down payment on a home
 - b. Gave it all to Walter
 - c. Put it all away for Beneatha's education
 - d. Left it in the bank
19. Which of the following best describes the neighborhood of Clybourne Park?
 - a. All black
 - b. All white
 - c. A nice mix of black and white
 - d. All Hispanic
20. What was Walter's reaction to Mama's purchase?
 - a. He was elated.
 - b. He was disappointed.
 - c. He was understanding.
 - d. He was too tired to care.

Act II Scene Two

21. How did Ruth find out Walter hadn't been going to work?
 - a. Walter's boss called.
 - b. Beneatha saw him.
 - c. Ruth saw him on her way back from the doctor's office.
 - d. Walter told her.
22. 2. Where had Walter been going instead of to work?
 - a. The local bar with Billy and Bobo
 - b. Driving and walking and watching people and thinking
 - c. Looking for a new house
 - d. Looking for a better job
23. What did Mama do for Walter?
 - a. Covered for him by lying to his boss

- b. Talked to Ruth to smooth things over
- c. Gave him the remaining money
- d. Moved out

Act II Scene Three

24. Who was Karl Lindner, and why did he visit the Youngers' house?
- a. Walter's boss
 - b. Representative from the NAACP
 - c. Representative from the Clybourne Park Improvement Association
 - d. Ruth's doctor
25. What was Walter's reaction to Lindner?
- a. He accepted Lindner's offer.
 - b. He told Lindner to leave their apartment.
 - c. He personally disliked Lindner but agreed in principle.
 - d. He liked Lindner and all that he stood for.
26. What presents did Mama get?
- a. A plant and gardening tools
 - b. A plant and a hat
 - c. Gardening tools and a hat
 - d. A plant, gardening tools and a hat
27. What news did Bobo bring to Walter?
- a. Willy died.
 - b. Walter got fired.
 - c. The Clybourne Park Improvement Association wanted to buy him out.
 - d. Willy took the money and ran.

Act III

28. Why didn't Beneatha want to be a doctor anymore?
- a. She sees no human battle worth fighting; no human life worth saving.
 - b. She decided to go to Africa instead.
 - c. She doesn't want to have to treat the oppressors.
 - d. She's tired of school and intellectual ideas.
29. How did Asagai define "idealists"?
- a. They are those who are also assimilationists.
 - b. They are those who see the changes in life.
 - c. They are the intellectuals.
 - d. They are those who refuse to think.
30. What does Asagai ask Beneatha to do?
- a. Be more patient with Walter
 - b. Become a doctor in Nigeria
 - c. Continue her studies

- d. Marry him and live in Nigeria
31. What fault does Mama find with herself?
- a. She's been dependent on Walter too long.
 - b. She's been too critical of Walter.
 - c. She "aimed too high."
 - d. She lost her faith.
32. What solution does Walter have?
- a. Accept the money from Lindner
 - b. Borrow money to put Beneatha through school
 - c. Find Willy
 - d. All move to Nigeria
33. Why didn't Walter take the money Lindner offered?
- a. It wasn't enough money.
 - b. His conscience wouldn't let him ruin his family's pride.
 - c. Willy returned the money he took.
 - d. Mama wouldn't let him.
34. Did the Youngers stay or move?
- a. Moved
 - b. Stayed
 - c. Can't tell from the story