

THE DEVIL AND TOM WALKER

Selection Test A**Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.

(6 points each)

1. Tom and his wife are unhappy because they
 - A. work too much
 - B. fight about money
 - C. have no children
 - D. live in the woods

2. What is the author making a satire of in the following passage?
“Tom was a hard-minded fellow, not easily daunted, and he had lived so long with a termagant wife that he did not even fear the devil.”
 - A. the devil
 - B. Tom
 - C. wives
 - D. fears

3. Tom begins praying and reading the Bible because he
 - A. wants to escape the devil
 - B. feels bad about cheating people
 - C. finds good friends who love him
 - D. thinks God can give him more money

4. The author most likely uses the image of Tom’s green spectacles to show that Tom is
 - A. concerned about the afterlife
 - B. afraid of the devil’s appearance
 - C. jealous of other people’s wives
 - D. greedy and obsessed with wealth

5. What does the devil do to Tom at the end of the tale?
 - A. hides Tom’s wealth in the woods
 - B. encourages Tom’s faith in God
 - C. meets Tom at the church
 - D. carries Tom away on a horse

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word. (6 points each)

6. What does melancholy mean?

- A. lonely
- B. gloomy
- C. jealous
- D. frightening

7. What is avarice?

- A. hunger
- B. hatred
- C. anger
- D. greed

8. Propitious means

- A. delightful
- B. adventurous
- C. favorable
- D. supporting

9. Ostentation is a

- A. wish to have others' things
- B. display to impress others
- C. refusal to help other people
- D. need to show faith to others

10. A censurer is someone who

- A. criticizes harshly
- B. prays loudly
- C. makes bad deals
- D. never shares

Written Response

Short Response On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the story. (10 points each)

- 11. Why does Tom initially refuse the devil's bargain?
- 12. How does Tom treat his customers?

Extended Response Answer the following question based on your knowledge of the story. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

- 13. How does Tom encourage his own destruction? Use two details from the story to support your response.