

from THE HOUSE ON MANGO STREET

Selection Test A

Comprehension

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.
(6 points each)

1. What causes Mama and Papa to buy a house?
 - A. a winning lottery ticket
 - B. broken water pipes
 - C. a robbery
 - D. crumbling bricks
2. The house on Mango Street
 - A. is red and has tight front steps
 - B. has stairs like houses on television
 - C. is white with trees around it
 - D. has wooden bars on the windows
3. Why is Esperanza unhappy with the house on Mango Street?
 - A. The family has to share a yard with neighbors.
 - B. It is far away from their last home.
 - C. A nun from her school is shocked by it.
 - D. It does not match her idea of a good house.
4. Based on Esperanza's feelings, what is the author's perspective on owning a home?
 - A. The only good houses have two levels.
 - B. Owning any house is better than renting a house.
 - C. Having a pleasant house can make you proud.
 - D. Only large houses are worth owning.
5. Read the following excerpt from the selection. What inference can you make about Esperanza?

"For the time being, Mama says. Temporary, says Papa. But I know how these things go."

 - A. She misunderstands her parents.
 - B. She tries to be a know-it-all.
 - C. She can predict the future.
 - D. She thinks things will not change.
6. Esperanza plans to be different from her great-grandmother by
 - A. staying single
 - B. following her dreams
 - C. being strong
 - D. forgiving others
7. To what does Esperanza belong and not belong?
 - A. her Mama and Papa
 - B. the house on Mango Street
 - C. the flat on Loomis
 - D. her great-grandmother
8. You can make an inference that Esperanza writes stories to
 - A. forget about her surroundings
 - B. be like her story-telling mother
 - C. show her friends that she is smart
 - D. remember the places she has lived

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

9. One day, Esperanza will finally
- A. move into a nice house
 - B. visit her friends on Mango Street
 - C. say goodbye to Mango Street
 - D. show her house to the nun
10. Esperanza plans to remember Mango Street in
- A. her new name
 - B. a Mexican song
 - C. her stories
 - D. a letter

Written Response

Short Response Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the selection. Write one to two sentences on a separate sheet of paper. (10 points each)

11. What is one good thing about the house on Mango Street?
12. Give two reasons why Esperanza dislikes her name.

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

13. Why does Esperanza feel both proud and sad when she thinks of her great-grandmother? Include in your answer two reasons she feels proud and two reasons she feels sad.