

THE HITCHHIKER

Selection Test A**Comprehension**

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

1. What does Adams do to show that he is sane?
 - A. states facts about himself
 - B. tells the story of the hitchhiker
 - C. discusses Mother's concerns
 - D. admits that his life might end soon
2. What does the *music in* note in the following lines indicate?

Adams. . . . This may be the last thing I ever tell on earth . . . the last night I ever see the stars. . . .(*music in*)

Adams. Six days ago I left Brooklyn, to drive to California . . .

 - A. A car is moving.
 - B. Adams is talking.
 - C. Mother is worrying.
 - D. Adams is remembering.
3. Which event foreshadows the appearance of the hitchhiker?
 - A. The man at the gas station fills up Adams's car.
 - B. Mother tells Adams not to pick up strangers.
 - C. An operator asks Adams to deposit money.
 - D. Adams tells Mother that he will be careful.
4. Adams picks up the girl because
 - A. he thinks that he recognizes her
 - B. she is afraid on the road
 - C. he wants company in his car
 - D. the male hitchhiker fears her
5. What does Adams learn from Mrs. Whitney?
 - A. He died in an automobile accident.
 - B. His family has forgotten him.
 - C. Mrs. Whitney is the hitchhiker.
 - D. Mother has moved from Brooklyn.

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word.

(6 points each)

6. What is an assurance?

- A. a doubt
- B. an event
- C. a guarantee
- D. an appearance

7. A lark is a carefree

- A. attitude
- B. remark
- C. situation
- D. adventure

8. Sinister means

- A. evil
- B. angry
- C. fearful
- D. suspicious

9. What does monotony mean?

- A. sickness
- B. darkness
- C. calmness
- D. sameness

10. A junction is a

- A. vision of home
- B. place of joining
- C. symbol for death
- D. witness to an event

Written Response

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

11. Why are the hitchhiker's shoulders always wet with rain?
12. Describe Adams's mood at the beginning and at the end of the trip. Use one detail from the radio play to support each part of your answer.

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

13. How does Adams attempt to explain the mysterious appearances of the hitchhiker? Include three details from the radio play in your answer.