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**Reading Quiz: *Song of Solomon***

1. Why does Milkman fail to enjoy his family’s Sunday drives?

\_\_\_ a. He would rather be playing with his friends.

\_\_\_ b. His sisters tease him.

\_\_\_ c. He never gets his own window.

\_\_\_ d. His parents argue constantly.

1. Why is Milkman initially ashamed of Pilate?

\_\_\_ a. She has an illegitimate daughter.

\_\_\_ b. He believes she is ugly, dirty, poor, and drunk.

\_\_\_ c. He knows she doesn’t have a navel.

\_\_\_ d. He was never ashamed of Pilate.

3. Why don’t Macon and Pilate know their mother’s name?

\_\_\_ a. She left their father before they could remember her.

\_\_\_ b. In his grief, their father will not allow her name to be mentioned.

\_\_\_ c. She was a slave and did not know her own name.

\_\_\_ d. She used several aliases.

4. Among the men at Feather’s Pool Hall when Guitar tries to buy beer are

\_\_\_ a. Macon and Freddie

\_\_\_ b. Members of the Tuskegee Airmen

\_\_\_ c. Railroad Tommy and Hospital Tommy

\_\_\_ d. Hagar

5. Why does Macon tell Milkman that he cannot trust Pilate?

\_\_\_ a. She is a bootlegger.

\_\_\_ b. She killed their father.

\_\_\_ c. She’s a snake.

\_\_\_ d. She embarrasses him in the community.

6. What are the different lessons that Macon and Pilate can teach Milkman, respectively.

\_\_\_ a. Macon: how to dress well; Pilate: how to sing

\_\_\_ b. Macon: how to succeed in the material world; Pilate: spirituality

\_\_\_ c. Macon: real estate; Pilate: wine-making

\_\_\_ d. Macon: how to keep women in line; Pilate: his grandfather’s name

7. How does Milkman demonstrate his self-centered nature to Guitar after the family fight at the Dead family dinner table?

\_\_\_a. He ignores Guitar’s problems.

\_\_\_b. He complains that Lena and Corinthians didn’t appreciate his action.

\_\_\_c. Having heard about the death of Emmet Till, he claims that he (Milkman)

has the real problems.

\_\_\_d. He is upset about his name.

8. How does Milkman further demonstrate his self-centered nature nine years later as he

prepares for Christmas?

\_\_\_a. He buys all the presents for his family from the drugstore.

\_\_\_b. He breaks up with Hagar for Christmas.

\_\_\_c. He won’t give Freddie the janitor something to drink.

\_\_\_d. a and b

9. What does Pilate do when a man beats Reba?

\_\_\_a. She calls the police.

\_\_\_b. She has a quiet talk with the man.

\_\_\_c. She puts the man in a choke hold and slips a knife in right over his heart.

\_\_\_d. b and c

10. What is the result of Milkman’s Christmas letter to Hagar?

\_\_\_a. Hagar kills herself.

\_\_\_b. Pilate has a quiet talk with him.

\_\_\_c. Hagar tries to kill him once a month.

\_\_\_d. Milkman begins to feel concern for Hagar.

**Multiple choice questions are worth 5 points each**

**Short discussion questions follow. They are worth 10 points each.**

11. Compare how Milkman treats Sweet with Lena’s indictment of him for his treatment of

His sisters and his mother.

12. What do the children sing about in Shalimar? Can Milkman write it down?

13. What does Susan Byrd mean by calling Jake “one of those flying Africans children”?

14. What do Milkman and Pilate bury at Solomon’s leap? What do they use for a marker?

15. How does Pilate save Milkman’s life?