**“The Monkey’s Paw” – Quiz on Comprehension**

**Directions: Choose the correct answer for each question. Read carefully and take your time.**

1. **The White family’s initial response to Sergeant Major Morris’s claims about the monkey’s paw is mainly**
2. **excited**
3. **doubtful**
4. **frightened**
5. **uninterested Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**
6. **Morris’s own attitude toward the monkey’s paw could best be described as**
7. **angry**
8. **terrified**
9. **embarrassed**
10. **disappointed Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**
11. **People to whom Morris has offered to sell the monkey’s paw have been unwilling to buy it because they**
12. **Feared its magical powers.**
13. **Doubted that it could grant their wishes.**
14. **Did not have enough money to pay the price he asked.**
15. **Were unwilling to limit themselves to sensible wishes.**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **What does the story suggest about Morris’s personal experiences with the monkey’s paw?**
2. **His wishes had mixed results.**
3. **His wishes had terrible results.**
4. **His wishes had pleasant results.**
5. **He, himself, never wished on the monkey’s paw.**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **What attitude does Herbert display toward his father’s wish on the monkey’s paw?**
2. **fearful**
3. **amazed**
4. **disgusted**
5. **lighthearted Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**
6. **When the monkey’s paw moves in his hand, Mr. White’s response could best be described as**
7. **reassured**
8. **fascinated**
9. **excited and hopeful**
10. **frightened and disgusted Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**
11. **What is Mr. White’s third wish?**
12. **Which of the following phrases from “The Monkey’s Paw” best describes the Whites’ lives before the first wish is granted?**
13. **“wild scenes and doughty deeds”**
14. **“an air of prosaic wholesomeness”**
15. **“steeped in shadow and silence”**
16. **“the hopeless resignation of the old”**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **In “The Monkey’s Paw”, which of the following lines spoken by Mr. White hints that the wishes can only change his life for the worse?**
2. **“And what is there special about it?”**
3. **“It seems to me I’ve got all I want.”**
4. **“…there’s no hard done, but it gave me a shock all the same.”**
5. **“the things happened so naturally…”**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**10. Which of the following lines from “The Monkey’s Paw” is an example of foreshadowing?**

1. **“When he went away he was a slip of youth.”**
2. **“I’d like to see those old temples and fakirs and jugglers.”**
3. **“The monkey’s paw has caused enough mischief already.”**
4. **“Did you give him anything for it, Father?”**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**11. Which of the following lines from “The Monkey’s Paw” foreshadows what happens to Herbert?**

1. **“…I don’t see the money and I bet I never shall.”**
2. **“We’re going to be rich, and famous, and happy.”**
3. **“If you only cleared the house, you’d be quite happy.”**
4. **“I expect you’ll find the cash tied up in a big bag.”**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**12. In “The Monkey’s Paw”, when a stranger comes to the Whites’ door, Mrs. White thinks at first he has come to**

1. **announce Herbert’s death**
2. **give Mr. White 200 pounds**
3. **ask them for the monkey’s paw**
4. **present a bill from the tailor**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**13. In “The Monkey’s Paw”, when Maw and Meggins offers Mr. White compensation, he faints because he**

1. **is overcome with grief by Herbert’s death**
2. **knows he should have wished for something else**
3. **realizes he has sold his son for 200 pounds**
4. **cannot bear the anguished cries of his wife**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**14. In “The Monkey’s Paw”, why is Mr. White afraid to wish a second time?**

1. **He does not believe the paw can grant wishes.**
2. **He is so grief stricken that he forgets the paw.**
3. **He has become so apathetic since Herbert’s death.**
4. **He realizes his wishes can only have bad consequences.**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**15. Mr. White refuses to help his wife open the front door because he is**

1. **angry at Mrs. White for staying up all night.**
2. **Afraid that his second wish has come true.**
3. **Depressed and wants to go back to sleep.**
4. **Bitter about the death of his only son.**

**Answer \_\_\_\_\_\_**