

ENGLISH IIIC

Dacey's Song Comprehension Questions

Chapters 1-3:

1. The Tillerman children recently moved to live with their:
 - a. aunt
 - b. grandmother
 - c. cousin
 - d. mother's

2. Dacey had a dream. It was to repair:
 - a. a car
 - b. the barn
 - c. a sailboat
 - d. the house

3. Dacey got a job at:
 - a. the diner
 - b. the car wash
 - c. the boat harbor
 - d. the grocery store

4. Millie Tydings owned:
 - a. a grocery store
 - b. a beauty shop
 - c. a fruit
 - d. a hobby shop

5. Gram didn't like to wear:
 - a. hats
 - b. shoes
 - c. dresses
 - d. shorts

6. Which Tillerman child had trouble learning?
 - a. Maybeth
 - b. Dacey
 - c. James
 - d. Sammy

7. What musical instrument was Maybeth learning to play:
 - a. piano
 - b. trumpet
 - c. flute
 - d. violin

8. James got a job as a/an:
 - a. dishwasher
 - b. paperboy
 - c. errand boy
 - d. grocery clerk

9. The Tillerman children's mother was not with them because:
 - a. she had died
 - b. she was working
 - c. she was on a long trip
 - d. she was in the hospital

10. How did Dicey get to school?
 - a. bus
 - b. car
 - c. walking/by foot
 - d. bicycle

11. The class Dicey disliked in school was:
 - a. Home Economics
 - b. Math
 - c. English
 - d. Science

12. For her writing assignment, Dicey decided to write about:
 - a. Gram
 - b. her mother
 - c. Millie
 - d. her father

13. The name of the girl Dicey made friends with was _____.

14. After Millie placed the wrong order for corn flakes, Dicey discovered that Millie didn't know how to _____ very well.

15. Who did Millie say did all of the ordering of goods for the store?
 - a. her son
 - b. the store clerk
 - c. Herbie, her husband
 - d. All of the above

16. What is the name of Maybeth's music teacher? _____.
17. What was it that Gram didn't have in her house that she felt was important to get now that the children were living with her? _____.
18. In what book did Gram write the names of the children? _____.
19. **SHORT ANSWER (one paragraph)**
The following quotation was taken from Chapter 1:

“What Dicey was used to, she realized, was things being simple, like a song.
You sang the words and the melody straight through.”

This quotation is important. In fact the title of the book is taken from it. What do you think it means? Do you agree or disagree with this thought.

Chapters 4-6:

1. The holiday the Tillermans were about to celebrate was:
 - a. Christmas
 - b. Halloween
 - c. Thanksgiving
 - d. Easter

2. Gram was upset with the children because she caught them:
 - a. in the attic
 - b. stealing
 - c. smoking
 - d. in the river

3. Gram and Dicey took a bus trip to go to:
 - a. the show
 - b. the doctor
 - c. the mall
 - d. the dentist

4. What did Gram buy that she said was a treat for herself?
 - a. a dress
 - b. shoes
 - c. pants
 - d. a club sandwich

5. Dicey was upset with Gram because Gram made her buy:
 - a. a hair bow
 - b. shoes
 - c. a dress
 - d. a bra

6. Sammy wanted Gram to get:
 - a. a goat
 - b. a rabbit
 - c. chickens
 - d. married

7. James said he was going to teach Maybeth to _____.

8. The new topic that was going to be taught in Dicey's Home Ec. Class was:
 - a. Nutrition
 - b. Hygiene
 - c. Home Decorating
 - d. Money Management

9. Where did Dicey tell her homeroom teacher that she had previously gone to school?
 - a. California
 - b. Nevada
 - c. Maryland
 - d. Massachusetts

10. Where did James go to get help for Maybeth?
 - a. the library
 - b. his teacher
 - c. church
 - d. the store

11. Sammy got his cuts and bruises from:
 - a. a fight
 - b. a bicycle accident
 - c. a dog attack
 - d. a car accident

12. Gram and Dicey were concerned about Sammy because he was trying too hard to be _____.

13. James had gotten an A on his report about _____.

14. Where did Gram get the money to take Dicey shopping?
 - a. Mr. Lingerle
 - b. She stole it
 - c. Welfare check
 - d. A car accident

15. The first store Gram took Dicey to on their shopping trip was to the _____.

16. The first name of the boy that seemed to like Dicey was: _____.
17. What class had Dicey wanted to take instead of Home Ec.? _____
18. The name of Dicey's Home Ec. teacher was _____.

SHORT ANSWER (one paragraph): Why was Dicey more upset about her C+ grade in English than her F grade in Home Economics?

Chapters 7-9

19. Who was the person Mina wrote about in her English paper?
- her mother
 - her teacher
 - Mina
 - Dicey
20. From the paper Dicey wrote about her mother, Dicey felt her mother had been a _____ worker.
21. Dicey's mother worried about her children and what else?
22. When Dicey's teacher realized she had written the English paper, he changed her grade to a/an:
- A
 - B
 - F
 - D
23. Who stood up in class and supported Dicey's English paper and Dicey?
- Jeff
 - Millie
 - Mina
 - a girl Dicey didn't know
24. Who did Sammy finally admit to fighting at school?
- Phillip
 - Ernie
 - Joe
 - Jeff
25. Who did Dicey make a phone call to after she and Gram had their conversation about reaching out to people? _____.

26. What was it in Chapter 8 that Sammy wanted to learn to play?
- chess
 - marbles
 - checkers
 - jacks
27. For how long was Sammy suspended from riding the school bus?
- 2 days
 - 1 week
 - 2 weeks
 - 3 days
28. Who gave Sammy and Dicey a car ride home from Millie's store one cold afternoon?
- Jeff
 - Millie
 - Gram
 - Mr. Lingerle
29. What holiday were the Tillermans celebrating in Chapter 8 when Mr. Lingerle came to dinner?
- Christmas
 - Halloween
 - Easter
 - Thanksgiving
30. Maybeth pleaded with Gram to serve the holiday meal in what room?_____.
31. When Dicey was talking to Mina about Sammy, who or what was it that Mina said she felt Sammy was probably fighting about?
- Gram
 - Money
 - Dicey
 - his mother
32. In Chapter 9, Gram, upon seeing her lawyer, was told the children were:
- going to a foster home.
 - going to go live with their father.
 - officially adopted.
 - orphans.
33. Did Dicey say she would go to the dance with Jeff after he had invited her?_____.
34. What city did Gram and Dicey go to in Chapter 9?

35. What form of transportation did they take to travel to their destination?
- a. bus
 - b. airplane
 - c. auto
 - d. train
36. What did Mr. Lingerle give Gram before she and Dicey left on their trip?
37. What was the floor nurse's name who took Dicey and Gram to see Dicey's mother?
38. List two things Gram did in Chapters 7-9 that showed she was trying to reach out to people.

Chapters 10-12:

39. Dicey soon realized the main reason for the visit to Boston was:
- a. shopping.
 - b. to see her grandmother's attorney about the adoption.
 - c. to see her dying mother.
 - d. none of the above.
40. How much money did Gram give to Dicey to go shopping? _____
41. How did Dicey feel when she left the hospital after speaking to her mother's doctor?
- a. happy
 - b. angry
 - c. hungry
 - d. excited
42. What did Dicey buy for Gram? _____
43. What did Dicey buy for Sammy? _____
44. How much did Dicey pay for James' chess set?
- a. \$10
 - b. \$50
 - c. \$15
 - d. \$20
45. Who walked Dicey back to the hotel from the hospital at night?
- a. Gram
 - b. Jeff
 - c. the nurse
 - d. the security guard
46. Gram told Dicey that Dicey needed to let go of: _____.

47. How much did Dr. Epstein say it would cost Gram to send Dicey's mother back to Maryland? _____
48. What did Gram decide to do with Dicey's mother?
- a. send her to Maryland.
 - b. let Dr. Epstein keep her there at the hospital.
 - c. have her cremated.
 - d. none of the above.
49. How much did the wooden box cost that Gram and Dicey decided to buy? _____
50. Where did Gram get the money to pay the undertaker?
- a. Dicey's savings
 - b. Dr. Epstein
 - c. Millie
 - d. Mr. Lingerle
51. What was the name of Gram's son who was still living?
- a. John
 - b. Sam
 - c. James
 - d. Joseph
52. Why weren't the younger children in school the day they met Gram and Dicey at the train station?
- a. It was night
 - b. It was a holiday
 - c. It was summer
 - d. It was a Saturday
53. Where did the Tillerman children bury their mother? _____
54. What was the weather like the day Dicey's mother was buried? _____
55. What did Gram bring down from the attic for the children in Chapter 12?
- a. toys
 - b. clothes
 - c. photos
 - d. books
56. What did Mr. Lingerle go to get the family for dinner?
- a. fried chicken
 - b. pizza
 - c. hamburgers
 - d. sandwiches

57. Dicey compared the confusion in her mind to a _____.
58. How many children were in the picture Gram showed to the children?
- a. 1
 - b. 5
 - c. 3
 - d. 4