

## ENGLISH IIID

### *That Was Then, This is Now* Comprehension Questions

#### **Chapters 1-4:**

1. What did Mark and Bryon do to make money in Charlie's bar?
  - a. They cleaned glasses.
  - b. They sold drinks.
  - c. They hustled pool.
  - d. They cleaned the bar after it closed.
  
2. How did M & M get his name?
  - a. He got sick on M & M's as a child.
  - b. M & M meant "midget" and "mean."
  - c. He always had that brand of candy.
  - d. None of the above
  
3. Why did Mark end up living with Bryon?
  - a. His parents had kicked him out.
  - b. Bryon's mother adopted him.
  - c. Bryon needed a roommate.
  - d. Mark's parents shot each other in a fight.
  
4. What magazine was M & M reading when Mark and Bryon found him in the drugstore?
  - a. Playboy
  - b. Newsweek
  - c. Time
  - d. Teen
  
5. What was M & M's reputation around town?
  - a. He was known as a hood.
  - b. He was a spoiled brat.
  - c. People thought of Him as a hippy/flower child.
  - d. None of the above
  
6. What happened to M & M after he left the bowling alley?
  - a. He was hit by a car.
  - b. He was jumped by Curly Shepherd and two others.
  - c. He was robbed by two men.
  - d. He bought some more M & M's.

7. How did Mark get the money he owed to Charlie?
  - a. He stole some hubcaps.
  - b. He hustled a black guy in the pool.
  - c. He borrowed it from M & M.
  - d. He picked the pocket of one of the hoods.
  
8. Why did M & M get angry at Mark and Bryon?
  - a. because they stole some money
  - b. because they let him get jumped
  - c. because they wanted to jump a black man
  - d. none of the above
  
9. Why did the old Chevy and T.V. get sold?
  - a. to get money for a date
  - b. to pay back Charlie
  - c. to pay for an operation for Mark
  - d. to pay for an operation for Bryon's mother
  
10. What did Bryon's mother tell the boys to do before they left the hospital?
  - a. bring her something to eat
  - b. visit the boy across the hall
  - c. tell M & M to visit her
  - d. all of the above
  
11. What happened to the boy in the hospital?
  - a. He had been beaten up by the Curly Sheperd gang.
  - b. He had been beaten up by some blacks after helping a black girl.
  - c. He was run over by a car.
  - d. None of the above
  
12. Who loaned Bryon a car to drive?
  - a. Mark's mother
  - b. Cathy
  - c. Charlie
  - d. Mike
  
13. Who was the "old" girlfriend Bryon saw at the dance?
  - a. He saw Cathy
  - b. He saw Mary Ryan
  - c. He saw Angela
  - d. None of the above
  
14. How did Mark get hurt in the parking lot?
  - a. He was protecting Curtis in a fight.
  - b. He was hit by a car.
  - c. He and Curtis fought.
  - d. He and Mark were protecting M & M.

15. How did Bryon feel toward Mark when Cathy called him “beautiful”?
  - a. He was happy to hear that Cathy liked Mark.
  - b. He was angry at himself for being jealous.
  - c. He felt jealous.
  - d. Both b and c
  
16. What had Charlie received in the mail that had made him upset?
  - a. a tax bill
  - b. his draft notice
  - c. a court order
  - d. none of the above
  
17. What did Mark and Bryon do when the drive-in manager took them to the police station?
  - a. They jumped out of the back of the truck while it was moving.
  - b. They caused him to get in a wreck.
  - c. They threw bottles at passing cars.
  - d. None of the above
  
18. How had life changed for Mark and Bryon?
  - a. They were now more interested in girls than in fighting.
  - b. They had pulled away from their old gang.
  - c. They were now more serious about school.
  - d. They were not good friends anymore.
  
19. What did Bryon realize about the Soc’s that Monday at school?
  - a. They were no different than Bryon.
  - b. They did not really like Bryon.
  - c. They only invited him to parties to prove they were “hip.”
  - d. Both b and c
  
20. What did Mark do to get into trouble at school?
  - a. He stole the math final.
  - b. He fought Curly Sheperd in the parking.
  - c. He punched a teacher.
  - d. He stole the principal’s car.

**Chapters 5-8:**

21. What did Bryon like about Angela and Cathy?
  - a. They were both gutsy.
  - b. They were both rich.
  - c. They were both blondes.
  - d. None of the above

22. Why had Charlie been turned down by the draft?
  - a. He had a police record.
  - b. He had a bad knee.
  - c. He had flat feet.
  - d. He was dying.
  
23. How did Mark and Bryon earn some money for Bryon's date with Cathy?
  - a. They jumped some guys outside the pool hall.
  - b. They hustled two Texans in pool.
  - c. They sold some drugs.
  - d. All of the above
  
24. What happened when they left the pool hall?
  - a. The police arrested them.
  - b. Curly Shepherd was waiting for them.
  - c. Two Texans forced them into the alley.
  - d. Cathy picked Bryon up and Mark became angry.
  
25. How did Charlie help them?
  - a. He called the police.
  - b. He ran over Charlie with his car.
  - c. He pulled a shotgun on the Texans.
  
26. Who gave Mark and Bryon Charlie's car?
  - a. the Texans
  - b. Charlie
  - c. Charlie's family
  - d. the police
  
27. What was Bryon doing with Cathy that he was not doing with Mark?
  - a. cruising the strip
  - b. going to dances
  - c. working together
  - d. confiding in Cathy more than Mark
  
28. Why had Charlie's death been so upsetting to Bryon?
  - a. Charlie's death had been so violent.
  - b. He felt responsible.
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. None of the above
  
29. What did Bryon change to get a job?
  - a. his haircut
  - b. a change of clothes
  - c. his know-it-all attitude
  - d. all of the above

30. The place where the kids drove around and “hung” out was called:
- the main
  - the ribbon
  - the strip
  - the place
31. Why was Bryon relieved when Cathy asked to go pick up M & M to get a coke?
- He was thirsty and hot.
  - He was afraid of saying something dumb to Cathy and was glad to have the company.
  - He wanted some of M & M’s candy.
  - He had missed seeing M & M.
32. How did Cathy feel about Mark hitting the passenger in the Corvette?
- She was impressed with Mark’s aggressive behavior.
  - She began to fall in love with Mark.
  - She felt the passenger deserved it.
  - She did not think it was a very good thing to do.
33. What did M & M say when he got out of the car?
- He would walk home.
  - He was going to get some drugs.
  - He hated everyone.
  - That he wasn’t ever going home again.
34. Why was Mark not worried about M & M?
- He felt M & M would go home soon.
  - He felt nothing bad ever happened to kids like M & M.
  - He was staying with Mark’s friends.
  - b and c
35. Where did Bryon get a job?
- in an auto shop
  - in a factory
  - at a gas station
  - in a supermarket
36. What did Mark and Bryon do to Angela to get even with her?
- They took her for a long ride and left her stranded.
  - They cut off her long hair.
  - They called the police on her.
  - They got her drunk.
37. What did Mark and Bryon do after they got off work?
- They went to hustle some pool players.
  - They went to find M & M.
  - They went to visit Charlie’s grave.
  - They went to visit the guy in the hospital.

38. Where did Mark and Bryon go after they got off work?
- to the neighboring town
  - to a deserted shack
  - to Mark's friends house
  - to a hippie commune
39. Why did the Shepherd gang beat up Bryon?
- He had told the police they were selling drugs.
  - The Shepherd gang leader was in love with Cathy.
  - To get back at Bryon and Mark for what they had done to Angela.
40. What did Bryon tell Mark about getting even with the Shepherds?
- He wanted to get Curly Shepherd himself.
  - He wanted to call the old gang together to fight the Shepherds.
  - He wanted Mark to get even by hurting Angela.
  - He did not want Mark to seek revenge.

**Chapters 9-11:**

41. Why did Mark start crying in front of Bryon?
- He was sorry he had treated Cathy so badly.
  - He was sorry about cutting off Angela's hair.
  - He felt it was his fault that Bryon was beaten up by the Shepherd gang.
  - None of the above
42. Why didn't Bryon want Mark to fight the Shepherds?
- Bryon was tired of fighting and violence.
  - Bryon thought the Shepherd's would win a fight.
  - Bryon was afraid of getting arrested by the police.
  - None of the above
43. Why did Bryon go out to the cemetery?
- He wanted to see where Charlie was buried.
  - He wanted to thank Charlie for saving his life.
  - He needed a quiet place to be alone.
  - He wanted to visit a friend's grave.
44. The new nickname the hippies gave to M & M was \_\_\_\_\_.
45. When Cathy and Bryon found M & M, he kept talking to them about
- ghosts
  - the fall off the roof
  - spiders
  - snakes

46. How did Bryon feel about M & M as they took him to the hospital?
- He was sure M & M would be fine.
  - He thought M & M was just a stupid kid.
  - He felt M & M got what he deserved.
  - He was as concerned about M & M as he would have been about his own little brother.
47. What did the doctor say about M & M's chances for recovery?
- M & M would probably never be the same.
  - M & M would be fine.
  - M & M would die.
  - None of the above
48. What was Bryon looking for under Mark's mattress?
- a Playboy magazine
  - drugs
  - love letters from Angela
  - cigarettes
49. For what purpose was Mark selling drugs?
- to buy a car
  - to save money for college
  - to get presents for Cathy
  - to help pay for household expenses
50. Why did Bryon call the cops on Mark for selling drugs?
- He had seen all the misery that drugs could cause.
  - He just hated Mark.
  - He wanted to sell the drugs and keep the money himself.
  - He was worried about Cathy falling in love with Mark.
51. What happened after Bryon told Mark he had called the police?
- Mark tried to run away and was shot by the police.
  - Mark was beaten by Cathy's father.
  - Mark attacked Bryon and they fought.
  - Mark was arrested by the police.
52. According to Bryon, what would jail do to Mark?
- It would teach him a lesson.
  - It would be fun for Mark.
  - It would kill him.
  - None of the above
53. How did Bryon act toward Cathy when she came to his house?
- He cried in her arms.
  - He acted cold and distant.
  - He told her that he loved her.
  - All of the above

54. What did Mark do when Bryon told the judge they were like brothers?
- He just sat there and did nothing.
  - He laughed out loud.
  - He called Bryon a liar.
  - He spit at him.
55. What did M & M say about his problem from the LSD?
- He was fine.
  - He would not do well in school anymore.
  - He could not remember things very well.
  - Both b and c
56. What did Bryon's mother tell him while he was reading a book?
- He had gotten even with Cathy by hurting Mark.
  - He had gotten even with Mark by hurting Cathy.
  - He was wrong to turn Mark in to the police.
  - Both a and b
57. What was Mark sure of when he saw Bryon at the prison?
- He could forgive Bryon.
  - He was wrong selling drugs.
  - He hated Bryon.
  - Both a and b
58. What was Mark going to do when he got out of prison?
- Go home and work with Bryon
  - Never see Bryon again
  - Marry Angela
  - Beat up M & M
59. What did Bryon wish?
- He wished Cathy still loved him.
  - He wished that Mark was his friend.
  - He wished he was a kid again and had all the answers.
  - None of the above

