

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH IVA

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl Comprehension Questions

Sunday, 14 June, 1942 –Monday, 28 Sept., 1942

Multiple Choice:

1. Ann decides to keep a diary because she wants to:
 - a. show her parents that she values the gift.
 - b. express her deepest thoughts to an imaginary friend.
 - c. keep a record of historical events.
2. Following the German invasion of Holland, the Franks lose:
 - a. their property and savings.
 - b. two old family friends.
 - c. many freedoms they once enjoyed.
3. Ann gets Mr. Keptor to tolerate her talkativeness by:
 - a. writing amusing compositions about her misbehavior.
 - b. praising his many qualities as a teacher.
 - c. nicknaming him “Mr. Quack-Quack.”
4. Unlike Anne, her parents are not concerned about her grades because they:
 - a. value her religious training above all else.
 - b. feel that Anne doesn’t have to prove her intelligence.
 - c. are more concerned about her happiness.
5. The Frank family goes into hiding when:
 - a. Harry Goldberg becomes a Zionist informer.
 - b. The SS issues a call-up notice for Margot.
 - c. Anne’s father foresees persecution ahead.
6. In the warehouse hiding place, the Franks and Van Daans live :
 - a. in one large attic room.
 - b. on separate floors.
 - c. at opposite end of the building.
7. At first Anne views living in the Secret Annexe as an:
 - a. odd vacation.
 - b. unnecessary risk.
 - c. inhuman torture.
8. Ann initially dislikes Peter because he is:
 - a. lazy and a hypochondriac.
 - b. not fond of cats.
 - c. too proud and aggressive.

9. To cope with criticism from others, Anne plans to:
 - a. bear such treatment with quiet dignity.
 - b. give her critics a taste of their own medicine.
 - c. tell her frustrations to Kitty Daily.
10. There is conflict between Mrs. Van Daan and the Franks because Mrs. Van Daan is:
 - a. overly modest
 - b. a vegetarian.
 - c. selfish and overbearing.

Short Answer:

11. What keeps Ann from revealing her deepest thoughts to her friends? Do you think creating “Kitty” as an imaginary friend is a healthy alternative? Why or why not?
12. Before going into hiding, what is Anne’s reaction to the restrictions on Jewish freedom? Which of the restrictions Anne mentions seems to have changed her life the most?
13. What person seems to adapt most easily to life in the annexe? Who seems the least able to adapt? Give examples from the book to support your opinions.
14. Anne says you can’t really get to know people until you’ve had a good argument with them. Do you agree? What does Ann discover about Mrs. Van Daan as a result of arguing with her?

Tuesday, 29 September, 1942 –Wednesday, 10 March, 1943

Multiple Choice:

15. Anne is irritated when Mrs. Van Daan:
 - a. tries to flirt with Pim.
 - b. scolds Peter for dressing up.
 - c. insists on bathing after bedtime.
16. When Anne hears knocking and struggling at the cupboard door, she fears that:
 - a. someone is fighting on the landing.
 - b. the carpenter may find the annexe.
 - c. the cupboard hook is jammed again.
17. Anne thinks that her father is being unfair when he:
 - a. favors Margot in an argument between the girls.
 - b. points out Mummy’s failings when he is weak himself.
 - c. won’t let her read the German prayer book.
18. As Peter hauls the last sack of beans to the attic:
 - a. Anne quickly hides Peter’s birthday gifts.
 - b. he suddenly remembers that the roof leaks.
 - c. a seam splits and the beans spill.

19. The annexe residents agree to take in an eighth person in order to:
 - a. have a doctor on hand.
 - b. reunite the Van Daans
 - c. save another Jew.

20. Anne feels guilty living in the annexe because:
 - a. there isn't room for Dussel's wife.
 - b. many Jews are suffering dreadful persecution.
 - c. she is doing nothing to fight the Germans.

21. Anne finally realizes that her father cannot be a substitute for her:
 - a. old world of fun and friends.
 - b. mother's love and respect.
 - c. teachers and formal schooling.

22. While trying to fix Mrs. Van Daan's tooth, Dussel:
 - a. makes Mr. Van Daan jealous.
 - b. gets a scraper stuck in her tooth.
 - c. bruises her rib.

23. Anne dislikes sharing her room with Dussel because:
 - a. she hates his tobacco smoke.
 - b. they have different standards of cleanliness.
 - c. he exercises too early in the morning.

24. When he investigates the odd sounds in the attic, Peter finds:
 - a. a swarm of huge rats.
 - b. Mouschi's litter of kittens
 - c. A trap door to the roof.

Short Answer:

25. Explain how Anne feels towards her mother and why she feels this way. Do you think her feelings are justified?

26. How does Anne's relationship with her father begin to change in this section? Do you think these changes are largely positive or negative? Explain.

27. "I'm not jealous of Margot, never have been," states Anne. Do you think this statement is True? Support your opinion with evidence from this diary.

28. How does Anne react to criticism in this section? Do you think she is too sensitive to criticism, or do you think she really is criticized too much? Explain your answer.

Friday, 12 March, 1943 – Monday, 9 August, 1943

Multiple Choice:

29. Anne probably won't get the glasses she needs because:
- the Frank's can't afford them.
 - peace is near and the risk of discovery is too great.
 - her parents think she doesn't deserve them.
30. Margot and Anne press their ears against the floor because:
- they heard gunfire downstairs.
 - they think the adults are planning a surprise party.
 - Pim wants to know the outcome of important business talks.
31. Disagreeing with Mr. Van Daan is foolish because:
- he is always right.
 - only a violent argument would result.
 - it would make him cry.
32. Dussel won't let Anne use the table because:
- Anne's work seems unimportant.
 - he doesn't want her to see his writings.
 - he just wants to be mean.

Short Answer:

33. Who seems to be the leader of the group when the annexe residents are troubled by danger? Give examples.
34. Anne thinks that it is foolish to shield a girl her age from "grown up" subjects. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

Tuesday, 10 August, 1943 – Wednesday, 5 January, 1944

Fill in the blank:

35. Margot sends in _____ lessons under Elli's name.
36. Who bravely faces having an unpleasant operation? _____
37. Mrs. Van Daan wants to keep 325 florins to buy _____ after the war.
38. Pim tries to share amusing stories from Dickens with _____.
39. Mr. Van Daan gets needed household money by _____
_____.

Short Answer:

40. Do you think Anne's religious faith is genuine? Explain and give examples.
41. After reviewing her diary, how does Anne excuse her previous attitude toward her mother? Do you think her explanation is convincing? Why or why not?

Thursday, 6 January 1944 – Tuesday, 7 March, 1944

Multiple Choice:

42. Anne realizes that she loves Peter Wessel after:
- a. seeing him in dream.
 - b. rereading some of his old letters.
 - c. helping him work some crosswords.
43. The annexe residents fear that if Holland is invaded, the Germans will:
- a. flood or evacuate Holland
 - b. execute helpless citizens.
 - c. burn Amsterdam to the ground.
44. Peter and Anne both:
- a. lack a caring and loving mother.
 - b. have trouble expressing themselves.
 - c. behave similarly when treated roughly.

Fill-in:

45. Anne changes her view of the Van Daans when she realizes that _____
_____.
46. The latest burglary at Kolen & Co. is frightening because the burglar _____
_____.
47. Anne sees that one way she has changed since 1942 is that she now _____
_____.

Short Answer:

48. Compare and contrast Anne's life in 1942 with her life in 1944. How has the experience of living in hiding changed Anne for the better? How does Anne cope with the changes that living in hiding forced on her?

Sunday, 12 March, 1944 – Tuesday, 11 April, 1944

Short Answer:

49. What crises in their food supply did the residents confront?
50. According to Anne, why is she more restless than Peter?
51. What are two things that Anne and Peter discuss when they have their long-awaited talk?
52. Analyze the similarities and differences between Margot and Pim. What traits and interests does Anne share with Pim and Margot?
53. What is Anne's assessment of her writing talent? Be specific.
54. Define Anne's feelings about being Jewish and being persecuted because she is Jewish. Give examples.

Friday, 14 April, 1944 – Monday, 22 May, 1944

Short Answer:

55. Anne enters a new phase of her relationship with Peter when, for the first time _____.
56. Why are both Mr. Van Daan and Mr. Frank angry with Dussel?
57. Describe the two personalities that Anne feels she has.
58. Whom does Anne believe is responsible for the war?
59. Both Anne's mother and father come from families that were _____.
60. What is Anne's stated reason for revealing her relationship with Peter to Pim? What other unstated or unconscious reasons might motivate her?
61. What does Anne think about her family's fall from prosperity to poverty? What appears to be her attitude about money? Give examples to support your opinion.
62. Does Anne have a good sense of humor when it comes to jokes about her own behavior? Give examples to support your answer.

Thursday, 25 May, 1944 –Tuesday, 1 August, 1944

Multiple Choice:

63. The residents suffer a great loss to their food supply when:
 - a. their potatoes are stolen by burglars.
 - b. they must swap ration books for medicine
 - c. their vegetable man is arrested.

64. The D-Day invasion provides the annexe residents with:
 - a. hope of rescue.
 - b. new food supplies
 - c. courage.

65. Anne deeply misses her opportunity to take comfort in:
 - a. nature's beauty.
 - b. Lies' company.
 - c. the delights of gourmet food.

66. Anne is disappointed in Peter because he:
 - a. grows cold about their romance almost immediately.
 - b. dislikes his parents.
 - c. is weak and easily temped into bad ways.

67. Anne believes that personal religious faith is important because it:
 - a. provides emotional stability.
 - b. makes for a quiet conscience.
 - c. preserves traditions.

68. The residents of the annexe unite to:
 - a. stand guard in the warehouse.
 - b. put down Mrs. Van Daan.
 - c. prepare strawberries and peas.

69. Anne feels her most outstanding trait is her:
 - a. ability to view herself objectively.
 - b. skill at getting along with others.
 - c. lively intellect.

70. Anne describes herself as being:
 - a. two people in one.
 - b. shy with strangers.
 - c. weary of living.

Short Answer:

71. What positive qualities does Anne now see in Peter? What negative qualities does she see? What do you think Anne expects of her relationship with him? Are those expectations realistic in your opinion? Explain your answer.
72. In her Friday, 26 May, 1944 entry, Anne writes about what sustains the annexe residents: hope. What other emotions make them willing to endure their misery? Which of these factors seem strongest? Which would be strongest for you?
73. Do you think Anne is right, that youth is lonelier than old age? What arguments does she use to support her view? What examples or arguments can you think of to support or contradict Anne's view?