

## HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE PREP ENGLISH IB

### *Flowers for Algernon* Comprehension Questions

#### Progress Reports 1-10

1. Who Did Charlie go to see on March 4?
  - a. his mother
  - b. his best friend
  - c. Professor Nemur
2. Burt gave Charlie a test. Briefly explain the test and how Charlie responded to the test.
3. Charlie worked at a
  - a. bakery
  - b. grocery store
  - c. hardware store
4. Who was Algernon?
  - a. a rat
  - b. a mouse
  - c. a dog
5. Charlie and Algernon became friends right away. T / F
6. Why did Charlie think Algernon was smart?
7. At the time Charlie began taking tests, his I.Q. was
  - a. 68
  - b. 120
  - c. 88
8. On March 8, Charlie went into the hospital for an operation to\_\_\_\_\_.
9. Charlie took his horseshoe into the operating room with him for good luck. T / F
10. Joe Carp and Frank Reilly
  - a. were good friends of Charlie and enjoyed being with him.
  - b. people who worked with Charlie and took pleasure in laughing at him.
  - c. two other students at the institute
11. When Professor Nemur tried to give Charlie the ink blot test for the second time, Charlie became\_\_\_\_\_.
12. After the operation, Charlie began to remember things from his past. T / F

13. The guys at the bakery tried to teach Charlie how to make
  - a. wedding cakes
  - b. rolls
  - c. donuts
14. Charlie began to notice that the people at the bakery were changing. What were their reactions to the way Charlie was changing?
15. Charlie came from a very happy home. His parents loved him and accepted him for who and what he was. T / F

Short Answer: Answer the following question using at least 5 complete sentences. Your response should be well thought out and insightful.

Charlie changed dramatically during this short time. Explain fully some of the changes you witnessed in this section of the book. (one paragraph)

### **Progress Report 11-13**

1. On their first date, Charlie and Alice went to
  - a. a movie and dinner.
  - b. a play in the park.
  - c. the zoo.
2. In the cafeteria, Alice told Charlie, "I just hope to God that you don't get hurt." What did she mean by that statement?
3. Charlie discovered something was going on behind Mr. Donner's back at the bakery. He discovered that
  - a. Mr. Donner's wife was cheating on him
  - b. Gimpy was stealing money from him.
  - c. Joe was giving free food to kids in the alley.
4. What did Charlie mean by the statement: "But now that I know, by my silence I am guilty as he is."
5. Alice didn't want to get involved with Charlie because
  - a. she thought he was stupid.
  - b. she had another boyfriend.
  - c. she knew their relationship couldn't last.
6. Alice and Charlie went to a concert in the park. What happened to Charlie when he pulled Alice to his shoulder?
7. Charlie lost his job at the bakery because
  - a. Joe blamed him for stealing donuts.
  - b. the other workers were jealous of him.
  - c. the other workers were afraid of the changes they saw in Charlie.

8. Alice had a reproduction of Picasso's "Mother and Child" over the sofa. T / F
9. Charlie remembered the time his sister brought home an "A" on her history test. Their mom had promised her
  - a. a dog.
  - b. a kitten.
  - c. a trip into town to buy new clothes.
10. Charlie went to visit Alice at the school he used to attend. How did Alice react to seeing him?
11. Charlie went to Chicago with Professor Nemur and Dr. Strauss. T / F
12. Charlie was upset when the attendant asked him to put on his seatbelt. Why?
13. Dr. Guarino was
  - a. very nice to Charlie and helped him a lot.
  - b. a doctor who took people for their money by promising to help their kids.
  - c. a dentist who fixed Charlie's teeth.
14. How did Charlie feel about the people he met at the conference?
15. Once the speakers began their presentations, Charlie changed his opinion of them. T / F
16. Charlie was angry at the way Strauss gave his presentation because
  - a. he talked more about Algernon than about him (Charlie).
  - b. he talked like Charlie was not a human being before the operation.
  - c. he read the reports Charlie had written about Alice.
17. Charlie Realized Nemur and Strauss had made a terrible mistake. T / F
18. What did Charlie do at the conference that shocked everyone?

### **Progress Reports 14-16**

1. What was the 2<sup>nd</sup> page headline of the *Daily Press* on June 15?
2. The pictures in the paper of Charlie's family brought back pleasant memories. T / F
3. Charlie's new neighbor was
  - a. an artist
  - b. an architect
  - c. a hairdresser
4. Charlie felt comfortable with her from the beginning. T / F
5. What did Faye think of Charlie's apartment?

6. Who did Charlie go to visit on June 20?
7. Charlie ordered the works at the barbershop. T / F
8. What happened to Charlie the night he got drunk with Faye?
9. After Charlie witnessed the dishwasher boy at the diner drop the dishes, he made an important decision. What was that decision?
10. Who did Charlie think had been watching him?
11. Faye became very important to Charlie. T / F
12. What made Charlie decide to take Algernon back to the lab?
13. Why did Charlie go out to visit the Warren State Home?
14. Thelma was surprised to see Charlie with Mr. Winslow since
  - a. they usually only had visitors on Thursday.
  - b. they had very few guests at all.
  - c. Mr. Winslow usually came alone.
15. The boy in the woodshop class was very proud of the music box he had made. T / F
16. When Faye and Alice finally met, they liked each other. T / F
17. What was happening to Algernon?
  - a. He was regressing at a rapid rate.
  - b. He was getting better.
  - c. He became a father.
18. Faye's new boyfriend was
  - a. an artist.
  - b. a student.
  - c. a dance instructor.

### **Progress Reports July 27 to November 21**

1. What did Charlie mean when he said he felt like he was reaching a blind alley?
2. Strauss felt that Charlie had a lot of gratitude towards the people who had been working with him. T / F
3. Charlie tried to explain to Strauss and Mrs. Nemur that
  - a. the other Charlie was trying to take control.
  - b. the other Charlie was waiting for his turn at control again.
  - c. he was possessed by demons.

4. After the Nemur's party, Charlie
  - a. gave up and went to live at the Warren Home
  - b. sent his report, "The Algernon-Gordon Effect" to the newspapers.
  - c. sent his report, "The Algernon-Gordon Effect" to Professor Nemur and Dr. Strauss.
5. The first sign of decline in Charlie was when Charlie began to notice that he was becoming \_\_\_\_\_.
6. After Algernon died, Charlie dissected him and found that \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Who did Charlie want to go see before he became unable to junction as he was currently?
  - a. Alice
  - b. Rose, his mother
  - c. Elvis
8. Charlie's mom was very glad to see him and she ran to his open arms when he went to see her. T / F
9. Explain the reunion of Charlie and his sister. How did they feel about each other after all these years?
10. Charlie had always wanted to play the role of *big brother*. T / F
11. What kept Charlie from committing suicide?
12. The last time Charlie took the Rorschach (ink-blot) test he
  - a. couldn't remember what he was supposed to say.
  - b. answered the same way he had before.
  - c. answered better than he had before.
13. Who did Charlie want to spend his *last days* with?
  - a. himself, alone
  - b. Algernon
  - c. Faye
14. Charlie and Alice decided to spend as much time together as possible before it was too late. T / F

15. Charlie began to decline rapidly in his intelligence. Note the changes that took place on the following dates.

October 14

October 18

October 19

October 21

16. As Charlie's mind began to go, what gave him the most pleasure?
17. After Alice left, Charlie felt like he was on an escalator going down. What did he do to try to keep from reaching the bottom too quickly?
18. Who was Ms. Mooney?
19. Charlie went back to work at the bakery. T / F
20. Charlie felt like everyone close to him felt sorry for him. What did this prompt him to do?