

## HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE PREP ENGLISH IV B

### *Fellowship of the Ring Comprehension Questions* *Book I*

#### ***Prologue***

1. According to the Red Book, who was the tallest hobbit and what did he ride?
2. The prologue tells us that the hobbits were separated into three groups. Tell where the Fallohides lived and what they looked like. Also, name the other two groups of hobbits.
3. When was the last and only battle fought inside the Shire (answer in Shire reckon time), and who led the battle, and who was attacking?
4. What type of government was in the Shire?
5. Who grew the first pipe-weed?
6. How did Shire reckoning first come about?

#### ***Chapter One***

1. Why was there a big feast and party on September 22<sup>nd</sup>?
2. How did Bilbo disappear at his party?
3. To where is Mr. Bilbo Baggins leaving?
4. Why is it a “nasty knock” for the Sackville-Baggins that Frodo became the heir to Bag End?
5. Why did Bilbo give Lobelia Sackville-Baggins a case of silver spoons?
6. What was young Sancho Proudfoot looking for in Frodo’s pantry?

#### ***Chapter Two***

1. What was the cause of Frodo’s perpetual youth?
2. When the ring was thrown into Frodo’s fire, what did the ring have written on it, and what does it mean?
3. Why couldn’t Frodo throw away the ring?
4. Why doesn’t Frodo destroy the ring or have someone else destroy it?
5. What is the only way the ring can be destroyed?
6. What was it that Gandalf threatened to turn Sam into, and why?

#### ***Chapter Three***

1. On their first night of their journey to Buckland, why did the three camp on the hill?
2. When Pippin and Sam saw the second Black Rider, where did they hide?
3. Who was the elf that first hailed the three?
4. Why did the elf who was serving Frodo call him a “jewel among hobbits”?
5. Have any of the elves seen Bilbo since he left the Shire?
6. Why was it important that Gilrond name Frodo “Elf Friend”?

#### ***Chapter Four***

1. Why did Sam say that, “The elves seem to be above my likes and dislikes”?
2. Why did Frodo want to keep Pippin and Sam from the Golden Perch?
3. Why had Mr. Maggot beaten young Frodo years earlier?
4. Who did they think was nearing when they reached the ferry? And who was it really?

### ***Chapter Five***

1. Why and where did Frodo pick his new home?
2. How did Pippin and Merry find out about the journey to the cracks of doom?
3. How did the group get past the hedge into the old forest?
4. Why would it be dangerous for Fatty Bolger to dress like Frodo for a few days?

### ***Chapter Six***

1. Name three of the tall plants that were going in the open spot of the forest where the Brandy Bucks burnt a great bonfire many years before.
2. What happened to the path just as Frodo was going to propose going back?
3. How did the four hobbits lose their direction in the old forest?
4. As the Old Man, Willow, was weaving a spell on the four hobbits, they could hear a few words. What were those words?
5. What happened to Pippin and Merry when they fell asleep against Old Man Willow?
6. How did Sam and Frodo get the other two out of the huge willow?

### ***Chapter Seven***

1. What was Goldenberry wearing when the four hobbits entered Tom's house?
2. How long has Tom Bombadil lived in the forest?
3. What happened to Tom when he put on the great ring?
4. What or who did Tom see when he had on the ring?

### ***Chapter Eight***

1. The party reached a tall single stone at high noon. What happened to them after lunch?
2. When Frodo got separated from the party in the fog and was searching for the party, what did he run up, and on which side?
3. When Frodo woke up in the barrow, what were the other three wearing, and what lay across their necks?
4. When Frodo was leaving the barrow for the last time, what did he see?
5. Why wouldn't Tom Bombadillo go further with them on their journey?

### ***Chapter Nine***

1. How tall was the Prancing Pony Inn?
2. What was the explanation Frodo gave as to what four Shire hobbits were doing in Breeland?
3. What questions were being asked about the Shire that made Frodo uneasy?
4. Why did Frodo want to leave the name of "Baggins" behind and instead use "Underhill"?
5. What caused Frodo to jump on the table, thank everyone present, and then sing?

### ***Chapter Ten***

1. How did Strider know what Frodo's real last name was?
2. Who was it that didn't want Strider to join their journey?
3. When was the last time Strider saw Gandalf?
4. How did the Black Riders know where the party was?

### ***Chapter Eleven***

1. The night the party slept at the inn, they didn't sleep in their rooms. The next morning when they went to their rooms, what had happened to the rooms?
2. Why did Mr. Butterbur pay three times the value for Bill Ferny's pony?
3. Why did Sam throw an apple at Bill Ferny, and where did it hit him?
4. Where did Sam hear the song about the High Elven King Gil-galad, and what was the name of the song?
5. Who had made the scratches on the flat white stone the party found at Weathertop?
6. How did the Black Riders find the party since they can not see?

### ***Chapter Twelve***

1. What happened to the long thin knife that the Black Rider had used to cut Frodo's wound? Had he picked it up?
2. Where did Strider get the leaves with which he bathed Frodo's wound?
3. Who turned the trolls into stone?
4. Who was the rider on the white horse, and had he seen Gandalf?
5. Why did Glorfindel have Frodo ride his horse, and what made Frodo decide to do it?
6. Why didn't Frodo ride off at once when Glorfindel told him to do so?

## ***Fellowship of the Ring Book II***

### ***Chapter One***

1. What was Gandalf's explanation for being late?
2. Who did Frodo see that few mortals had ever seen, and what was said about her?
3. What had happened to the other three dwarfs that did not accompany Gloin to the house of Elrond?
4. Who was the small dark figure that was sitting in the Hall of Fire, and what was he doing?
5. What has Bilbo been doing since he left the shire?
6. What happened when Bilbo asked Frodo to see the ring again?

### ***Chapter Two***

1. What brought Boromir to the council of Elrond?
2. What happened to Sauron's hand when Isildur cut the ring from it?
3. What was Strider's response when Boromir asked, "What doom did you put him in?"
4. What was Leola's news, and how did it happen?
5. Where did Saruman keep Gandalf prisoner?
6. How did Gandalf escape from Saruman?

### ***Chapter Three***

1. What happened to the Elendil's sword?
2. What did Bilbo give to Frodo before Frodo went on his journey to Mordor?
3. Why didn't the Company take any gear of war?
4. What did Gandalf have everyone in the Company drink as they were taking shelter during the snowstorm in the Pass of Caradhras, and from where did he get the drink?
5. Why was going down the mountain so difficult?
6. How did the Company finally go down the mountain?

### ***Chapter Four***

1. Why was the vote to go to Moria forced in the night instead of waiting until morning?
2. Why did the company sleep on the hill with the ring of boulders around the top, and what happened in the night?
3. How did the Company find the West-doors into Moria?
4. How did the Company get into Moria?
5. What happened when the Company was about to enter Moria?
6. Which way did the Company go when they left the three arches, and why?

### ***Chapter Five***

1. What did the Company discover about Balin's fate and his family in the *Book of Balin's Family* at the Chamber of Records in Moria?
2. What happened when Boromir stabbed at the huge, green arm when the Orcs were coming for the Company?
3. What happened when the Orcs forced their way through the doors?
4. What happened when Galdalf tried to put a spell on the East-doors?
5. When happened when Galdalf destroyed the bridge that the Balrog stood on?

### ***Chapter Six***

1. How did Legolas describe Lothlorien?
2. What did the first elves say to Frodo when they had him climb up?
3. What happened when Frodo awoke in the night?
4. How did the Company cross the Celebrant River?
5. Why did Strider make everyone in the Company go blindfolded?
6. What were the messages brought to Haldir?

### ***Chapter Seven***

1. Why couldn't the Company enter Lothlorien when they first saw the city?
2. Who summoned the first White Council, and who did they want it to be governed by?
3. What was the general feeling about what happened when "The Lady" held the Company in her gaze?
4. What was Sam's response to Frodo's question regarding what Sam thought about the elves?
5. What did the Galadriel show Frodo and Sam when she took them to a stream?
6. What did Frodo see in the mirror?

### ***Chapter Eight***

1. What did Celebron discuss, and what did the Company resolve to do on the night it was summoned to Celebron's Chamber?
2. What did Boromir say he was going to do when the Company was debating about whether to go east or west to Minas Tirth?
3. What was special about the cloaks that were given to the Company by the elves?
4. What would the elves have taught Sam if they had known he was interested in them?
5. What was Gimli's wish to receive as a gift from the Lady of Galadrim?
6. On this journey, what was Gimli's worst wound?

### ***Chapter Nine***

1. What did Sam see in the water on the fourth night?
2. How did Sam and Frodo find out that the log with an eye was Gollum?
3. Why was Frodo trying to keep himself awake on the fourth night when he was keeping watch?
4. What happened when the Company was going up the river to avoid the rapids?
5. Why couldn't the Company be seen by the Orcs, and why did an arrow bounce off Frodo?

### ***Chapter Ten***

1. What did Boromir say about the ring after Frodo wouldn't let him see the ring, and after he told Boromir that all things created by the ring would turn to evil?
2. What happened when Frodo would not lend the ring to Boromir?
3. What happened when Frodo did not answer?
4. Where did Frodo go when he escaped Boromir?
5. What happened when Frodo saw the eye?
6. How did Sam figure out where Frodo was going?