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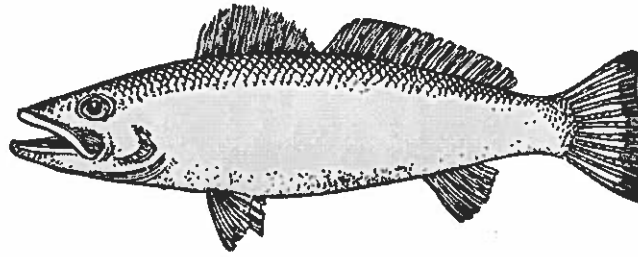
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Read the next two selections. Then choose the best answer to each question.



Stinky Soup

- 1 "Thank you for inviting me over for dinner, Camilla," said Kim as they both sat down at the table in Camilla's kitchen. Camilla's mother came to the table carrying a large platter almost overflowing with homemade spaghetti and meatballs. Camilla's mother was from Italy, so she made fantastic meatballs and the most amazing homemade pasta noodles. The girls ate and ate until they thought they were going to burst.
- 2 "Girls, you have a little time to play until Kim's dad comes to pick her up. Why don't you go clean up the playroom and then go to Camilla's room to draw at her new art table," suggested Camilla's mom. The girls offered to help clean up the kitchen, but she insisted they play, so they did.
- 3 Both Camilla and Kim loved to draw. Camilla loved to draw scenery and buildings, while Kim enjoyed drawing portraits of people. Before they knew it, Kim's dad arrived to pick her up. On their way home, Kim's dad asked about what kind of games she played with Camilla, what kind of art she made, and what she ate for dinner.
- 4 About a week later, Kim's dad encouraged her to invite Camilla over for dinner and art making. "I can make your favorite Vietnamese dish, Canh Chua Cá! We can share some of our Vietnamese heritage with her, like she shared her Italian heritage with you!"
- 5 Kim's dad was from Vietnam and made the most delicious Canh Chua Cá, or sour fish soup. The only problem was that the soup was kind of stinky because it was cooked with fish heads in it. Even though it seemed strange, Kim loved it. She was hesitant, but she really wanted Camilla to come over and draw with her, so she decided to invite her over for dinner.

- 6 The day came for Camilla to come over to eat the fish head soup. Kim felt like she had knots in her stomach all day. What if Camilla hated the soup? What if she made fun of Kim at school on Monday? What would be Camilla's reaction when she realizes there are fish heads, real fish heads, in the soup?
- 7 The day passed quickly, and before Kim knew it, Camilla was ringing her doorbell. Kim had set up all of her drawing things on a small table in her bedroom so the girls wouldn't have to go near the Canh Chua Cá until it was time to eat.
- 8 "What's that smell?" Camilla asked as she walked through the front door of Kim's house.
- 9 Kim, not quite knowing how to respond, said, "Oh! That must be –"
- 10 Camilla cut her off by saying, "It smells wonderful! It smells so delicious! I can't wait until dinnertime!"
- 11 Shocked and in disbelief, Kim said, "Well, my dad hasn't finished making dinner yet. We will have to wait to see what he's cooking. Come on! Let's go set up your drawing supplies at your spot at the table."
- 12 The girls had been drawing for a few hours when Kim's dad came to the doorway of her bedroom and said, "Dinner is ready, girls. Please pick up your mess, wash your hands, and head to the dinner table."
- 13 Kim could barely breathe. She was so nervous about Camilla's reaction to the soup. What would she do when she saw the fish heads in the giant bowl her dad used to bring soup to the table? Maybe she wouldn't see them. The girls quickly washed their hands and started towards the dinner table.
- 14 Kim was horrified when she reached the dinner table and realized that you could definitely see the fish heads in the soup bowl. She was worried that she wasn't going to be able to eat due to her nervousness. Camilla came up behind Kim and asked, "What's this dish called? I've been smelling it all afternoon, and it has been making me so hungry!"
- 15 "This is a traditional Vietnamese soup, Camilla," replied Kim's dad. "I grew up in Vietnam. My mother used to make this soup for us. It was our favorite meal when we were kids."
- 16 Camilla asked, "Are those real fish heads?"

- 17 "Yes!" replied Kim's dad. "They are added to the soup with other pieces of fish to give flavor to the broth."
- 18 "Well, I'm excited to try it! I love trying new things!"
- 19 Kim couldn't believe it. Camilla said that she was excited to try the fish head soup!
- 20 After Kim's dad dished everyone a large bowl of fish head soup, Camilla took her first bite. There was what seemed like an extremely long pause, then Camilla sat up straight in her chair and exclaimed, "I love this soup!"
- 21 A little bit after they finished up their meal and helped Kim's dad clean up the kitchen from the dinner mess, Kim confessed to Camilla that she was really worried that she was going to hate the soup. Camilla said that was crazy! She loved the soup and asked Kim's dad to give the recipe to her mother when she came to pick her up.

Myself

by Edgar Albert Guest

I have to live with myself and so
I want to be fit for myself to know.
I want to be able as days go by,
always to look myself straight in the eye;
5 I don't want to stand with the setting sun
and hate myself for the things I have done.
I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
a lot of secrets about myself
and fool myself as I come and go
10 into thinking no one else will ever know
the kind of person I really am,
I don't want to dress myself up in sham.
I want to go out with my head erect
I want to deserve all men's respect;
15 but here in the struggle for fame and wealth
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to look at myself and know that
I am bluster and bluff and empty show.
I never can hide myself from me;
20 I see what others may never see;
I know what others may never know,
I never can fool myself and so,
whatever happens I want to be
self-respecting and conscience free.



Use "Stinky Soup" to answer questions 1–6. Then fill in the answers on your answer document.

1 In paragraphs 10 and 18, Camilla's reaction to the fish head soup shows that Camilla is —

- A** unaware of cultural differences
- B** not disgusted by the soup
- C** disrespectful towards Kim's dad
- D** appreciative of Kim's friendship

2 Read this sentence from paragraph 10.

Camilla cut her off by saying, "It smells wonderful! It smells so delicious! I can't wait until dinnertime!"

This sentence shows that Camilla —

- F** is hungry because she didn't eat lunch
- G** is rude for interrupting Kim while she was talking
- H** does not share the same concerns as Kim
- J** wants to spend time with Kim

- 3** According to the story, Kim is worried that Camilla might make fun of her at school on Monday because Camilla might think that Kim —
- A** is weird for eating fish head soup
 - B** is not good at drawing portraits
 - C** is greedy with her art supplies
 - D** lives in an old house
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- 4** From the events in this story, what can the reader conclude about Kim's dad?
- F** He is willing to help others that help him.
 - G** He likes to experience new things.
 - H** He wants Kim to have close friendships.
 - J** He is proud of his Vietnamese heritage.

5 Read the sentence from paragraph 6.

Kim felt like she had knots in her stomach all day.

The figurative language in this sentence shows that Kim —

- A was anxious about Camilla trying the fish head soup
- B wondered if she should call Camilla since she was not feeling well
- C regretted agreeing that she should invite Camilla over
- D cannot decide what she is going to draw

6 What is the best summary of the story?

- F After Kim has Italian dinner with Camilla, Kim's dad suggests that she invite Camilla over to try Canh Chua Cá, or fish head soup. Kim is worried that Camilla will think that the soup is gross. After Camilla arrives, the girls make art in Kim's bedroom until dinner is ready.
- G Camilla's mom is from Italy, so she makes the best homemade spaghetti noodles and meatballs. After dinner, the girls offer to help clean up the kitchen, but Camilla's mom insists that they make art in Camilla's room. Later, Kim's dad suggests she invite Camilla over to try Canh Chua Cá.
- H Kim spends time at Camilla's house making art and eating homemade spaghetti and meatballs. Kim's dad suggests that she invite Camilla over to draw and have special Vietnamese soup. Kim is worried that Camilla will think that the soup is gross because it has real fish heads in it. When Camilla tries the soup, she loves it!
- J Camilla likes to draw pictures of scenery and buildings, and Kim likes to draw portraits of people. Camilla has a new art table, and the girls spend time together drawing on it. Camilla's mom is from Italy. She makes the best homemade spaghetti noodles and meatballs. Kim's dad is from Vietnam.

Use "Myself" to answer questions 7–11. Then fill in the answers on your answer document.

7 Read these lines from the poem.

I never can hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;

These two lines reveal that the speaker —

- A believes that it is easy to be themselves around others
- B is generally a shy person when they are around new people
- C does not enjoy social situations with people they do not know
- D sometimes hides parts of their personality from others

8 The poem is mostly about a speaker who —

- F is comfortable being themselves around people
- G enjoys acting like a person with a different personality
- H has chosen to live a life other people may not respect
- J wants to balance who they are and what others think about them

9 Read these lines from the poem.

I don't want to stand with the setting sun
and hate myself for the things I have done.

The poet uses the figurative language expression "stand with the setting sun" to emphasize that the speaker —

- A wants to end the day knowing they did good things
- B likes to watch the sun set in the evening
- C feels like they need to change their attitude
- D has a fear of doing something they will regret

10 Read this dictionary entry.

sham \ˈsham\ *noun*
1. a trick **2.** something false
3. a pillow covering
4. dishonest words or actions

Which definition best matches the word sham as it is used in line 12?

- F** Definition 1
- G** Definition 2
- H** Definition 3
- J** Definition 4

11 Based on the poem, what can the reader conclude about the speaker's past behavior?

- A** The speaker has always treated other people with kindness.
- B** The speaker believed that the feelings of others were not important.
- C** The speaker has tried to be the person other people wanted them to be.
- D** The speaker struggled with balancing openness with privacy.

Use "Stinky Soup" and "Myself" to answer questions 12–15. Then fill in the answers on your answer document.

12 Both the selection and the poem suggest that being yourself can —

- F** be difficult for others to understand
 - G** be a struggle for acceptance
 - H** be harmful to a person's emotions
 - J** take a little bit of practice
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13 One difference between Kim and the speaker in the poem is that only Kim —

- A** is embarrassed about a part of her heritage
- B** is comfortable with who she is
- C** is looking for acceptance from the people around her
- D** is not worried about what other people think

14 The actions of Kim in the story and the speaker in the poem are based on seeking —

- F** loyalty
 - G** regret
 - H** approval
 - J** fairness
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15 Which of the following describes a **difference** between the selection and the poem?

- A** The selection provides details about two friends who love to cook, while the poem describes the process of changing your appearance.
- B** The selection provides information about Italian heritage, while the poem describes the hardships of being a child.
- C** The selection explains how to make Vietnamese soup, while the poem highlights how to make others like you.
- D** The selection features a girl who wants acceptance from her friend, while the poem focuses on a girl who is struggling to accept herself.

