

Make Inferences Review - Sophomores 2008

Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Critical Reading Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 1. At the beginning of "A Problem," the Uskovs send half their servants out to the theater or the circus, while the rest stay in the kitchen. Why do they do this?
- To reward the servants for doing their jobs well.
 - To keep the servants from finding out what Sasha did.
 - To show Ivan Markovitch how wealthy and powerful the Uskovs are.
 - To give the Colonel's wife, her sister, and the governess some privacy.
- _____ 2. Why did Sasha write a note he could not pay?
- He wanted to keep up with his wealthy friends who looked down on him for not having money.
 - He hated his uncle, the Colonel, and hoped to get him in trouble with the bank.
 - He had always dreamed of visiting Siberia, and cashing the note was the only way to get sent there.
 - He wanted to give the money to the poor, who were starving and cold.
- _____ 3. How does Sasha feel about having been caught doing wrong in "A Problem"?
- ashamed
 - indifferent
 - terrified
 - depressed
- _____ 4. What is the Colonel's reason for arguing against helping Sasha?
- He believes they can successfully keep the story out of the papers.
 - He believes Sasha will do the same thing again if they help him this time.
 - He dislikes Ivan Markovitch and automatically disagrees with everything Ivan says.
 - He knows that Sasha really wants to go to Siberia and does not want to stand in his way.
- _____ 5. Sasha becomes angry when he hears the Colonel call him a criminal. Which of the following would best help you to understand why Sasha reacts this way?
- thinking about how Sasha lost both his parents when he was very young
 - thinking about a time when you had a fun day with your friends
 - thinking about the Colonel's background as an army officer
 - thinking about how you would feel if someone called you a criminal
- _____ 6. Which of the following is NOT one of the reasons Ivan Markovitch gives for helping Sasha?
- because Sasha grew up without parents to guide him
 - because Sasha's dead mother would want them to help him
 - because Sasha's friend Handrikov said he would pay the debt
 - because Sasha was already being punished by his guilty conscience
- _____ 7. Why does the Colonel change his mind in "A Problem"?
- Ivan makes him feel sorry for Sasha's dead mother by saying that he thinks she is present in the room, weeping for her boy.
 - Sasha falls on his knees and begs the Colonel for help, which impresses the Colonel enough to change his mind.
 - The Treasury official finally convinces the Colonel that it would be terrible if the story got into the newspapers.
 - The Colonel's wife convinces him that Sasha is really a good boy who never meant to hurt anyone.