

Do your best

Multiple Choice

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

Comprehension

The questions below refer to the selection "The Gift of the Magi."

- _____ 1. Della is sobbing at the beginning of the story because she —
a. always misses her family at Christmas c. hates her shabby flat
b. can't find a job d. has no money for the holidays
- _____ 2. Which of the following terms best describes Jim and Della's marriage?
a. fiery c. loving
b. difficult d. boring
- _____ 3. Della's biggest treasure is her —
a. watch c. jewels
b. hair d. height
- _____ 4. Della visits Mme. Sofronie because Della wants to —
a. pawn Jim's watch c. know the future
b. sell her hair d. rent a flat
- _____ 5. What does Della buy after leaving Mme. Sofronie?
a. Food for dinner c. A watch chain
b. A set of combs d. A curling iron
- _____ 6. Which word best describes Jim's first reaction to Della after she returns from Mme. Sofronie?
a. terrified c. heartbroken
b. disappointed d. stunned
- _____ 7. Della cries when she sees the combs because she had —
a. wanted a watch fob c. not expected anything so nice
b. not spent as much on Jim's gift d. cut off her hair
- _____ 8. When Jim gets Della's present, he —
a. gets angry c. smiles knowingly
b. roars with laughter d. storms out of the room
- _____ 9. After Jim receives his present, Della learns that he —
a. has sold his watch c. has lost his job
b. didn't buy a present for her d. dislikes her short hair
- _____ 10. According to the author, the Magi are —
a. a group of foolish children c. people who give selflessly
b. couples who live in flats d. three men who receive gifts

Literary Focus

The questions below refer to the selection "The Gift of the Magi."

- _____ 11. The situational irony in this story comes from the fact that the ending is —