

**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**

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