

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* Quiz 1 Chs. 1-6

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1) The narrator explains that the tree of the title likes...

- A. Poor people.
- B. High, dry places.
- C. Blood and smoke.
- D. Laughter, singing, and babies.

2) What do Francie and Neeley do together to make pocket money?

- A. Sing songs on the street corner
- B. Collect materials for recycling
- C. Take care of people's yards
- D. Make deliveries for the grocery store

3) What sight terrifies young Francie?

- A. A dog chewing on a bone
- B. A dress flapping on a tree branch
- C. A workshop full of gears and spare parts
- D. An old man waiting in a bakery

4) Francie's favorite thing to do is...

- A. Make costumes.
- B. Read.
- C. Help elderly people.
- D. Paint / draw.

5) Compared to their neighbors, Francie's family is...

- A. Exceptionally poor.
- B. Exceptionally rich.
- C. Just as poor.
- D. Just as rich.

6) Most of Book One centers on a special day called...

- A. St. Crispin's day.
- B. Yom Kippur.
- C. Mischief day.
- D. Saturday.

7) What does Francie's father do for a living?

- A. Truck driver
- B. Police officer
- C. Waiter
- D. Trick question! He does not work.

8) Which character struggles with alcoholism?

- A. Katie Nolan (mom)
- B. Johnny Nolan (dad)
- C. Neely Nolan (brother)
- D. Sissy Rommely (aunt)

9) To make her way in Brooklyn, Francie has mastered...

- A. Being invisible.
- B. The art of insult.
- C. Street fighting.
- D. Transactions / making deals.

10) Who is narrating (telling) the novel?

- A. Johnny Nolan (the father)
- B. Francie Nolan (as a little girl)
- C. Francie Nolan (as an adult)
- D. Unknown being (not participating)

1) In relation to Book One, Book Two...

- A. Goes back in time.
- B. Jumps forward in time.
- C. Happens at the same time.
- D. Is narrated from a different point of view.

2) In order to date her new love interest, Katie must...

- A. Leave her husband.
- B. Change her church.
- C. Betray her best friend.
- D. Lie about how old she is.

3) Aunt Sissy has no children because...

- A. She does not want any.
- B. She has never met the right man.
- C. Her babies died.
- D. Her husband cannot have children.

4) In what way is Johnny talented?

- A. Carving wood
- B. Playing poker
- C. Writing poetry
- D. Singing and dancing

5) Where is Johnny Nolan when his daughter is born?

- A. Working at his cleaning job
- B. Praying at the church
- C. Drinking at a bar
- D. Spending the night with a prostitute

6) Mary Rommely tells her daughter that if she wants the children to have a better life, she must...

- A. Show them discipline rather than love.
- B. Leave Johnny.
- C. Move to "the old country" (Europe).
- D. Get them to read.

7) What does Katie's mother advise her to buy with her saved pennies and nickels?

- A. New bicycles.
- B. A divorce.
- C. Land.
- D. Life insurance.

8) When it comes to the new baby, Aunt Sissy is...

- A. Loving and generous.
- B. Jealous and cruel.
- C. Bored and indifferent.
- D. Trick question! She does not know about the baby.

9) Katie is \_\_\_\_\_ whereas Johnny is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Catholic / Jewish
- B. Jewish / Catholic
- C. Tough and practical / a dreamer
- D. A dreamer / tough and practical

10) Why does the family decide to move again?

- A. Johnny has found a new job opportunity.
- B. They move to escape their shame.
- C. They fail to pay rent and are evicted.
- D. Katie wants to be close to her mother.

1) What kind of lessons do Katie, Francie, and Neely take together?

- A. Martial Arts
- B. Speech
- C. Cooking
- D. Piano

2) The entire family is terrified when the kids must...

- A. Meet with the school principal.
- B. Get shots from a doctor.
- C. Testify in a court case.
- D. Read the Bible aloud in church.

3) Who sponsors the boat ride, picnic, and carnival?

- A. The Catholic Church
- B. The school district
- C. The Democratic Party
- D. The factory where Katie works

4) Francie and her father devise (figure out) a scheme to...

- A. Steal food from a restaurant.
- B. Get a young man to do Katie's work.
- C. Adopt a puppy.
- D. Transfer Francie to a different school.

5) Francie and Neely show their courage when they stand up to a...

- A. Flying Christmas tree.
- B. Flock of angry chickens.
- C. Woman with a water hose.
- D. Dancing horse.

6) What is Francie's biggest complaint about the neighborhood theaters?

- A. The actors are terrible.
- B. The stories are unrealistic.
- C. The audience is loud and distracting.
- D. The theatre is shabby and stinky.

7) It turns into a complete disaster when Johnny decides to...

- A. Run for public office (assemblyman).
- B. Start an illegal gambling business.
- C. Start a furniture moving business.
- D. Take the kids fishing.

8) In 7th grade Francie is honored when...

- A. The principal asks her to deliver a speech.
- B. She gets the lead role in a play.
- C. Her story is published in a magazine.
- D. The class elects her as president.

9) The same day that Francie has her first period, she witnesses...

- A. A baby being thrown from a building.
- B. A sick man dying in his sleep.
- C. An old horse being butchered.
- D. A woman being pelted (struck) with rocks.

10) How does Uncle Willie end up in the hospital?

- A. The cops beat him with clubs.
- B. A horse kicks him in the head.
- C. His wife (Aunt Evy) poisons him.
- D. He suffers a heart attack while shoveling.

1) Chapter 32 begins with excerpts (selected readings) from a(n)...

- A. Diary.
- B. Set of letters.
- C. Encyclopedia.
- D. Police report.

2) Why does Johnny decide to get a gun?

- A. He is involved in organized crime.
- B. He is planning to commit suicide.
- C. He wants to protect his family.
- D. He plans to take a job with animal control.

3) How does Francie escape from the rapist?

- A. She breaks a lamp on his head.
- B. She sets off the fire alarm.
- C. Her mom shoots him.
- D. Trick question! She does not escape.

4) How does Aunt Sissy convince her husband "John" to adopt a baby?

- A. She threatens to leave him.
- B. She promises to change the child's first name.
- C. She agrees to adopt a boy.
- D. Trick question! She lies and says it is his baby.

5) What finally kills Johnny Nolan?

- A. He is shot by a police officer.
- B. He gets sick (pneumonia).
- C. He dies in a fire.
- D. He dies in a fall (possibly suicide).

6) The bar owner, Mr. McGarrity, has a problem. What is it?

- A. The cops are on to his scheme.
- B. He owes money to the wrong people.
- C. His wife opposes his "evil ways."
- D. He is lonely and has no one to talk to.

7) The English teacher is disappointed in Francie because...

- A. Her writing is not realistic.
- B. Her writing is too realistic.
- C. She would rather write than be a wife.
- D. She would rather be a wife than a writer.

8) What game does Katie play with the kids when times are hard?

- A. "The King and I"
- B. "Arctic Explorers"
- C. "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn"
- D. "The Queen's Carnival"

9) From whom does Francie receive flowers on her graduation day?

- A. Her father
- B. Her mother
- C. Her teacher, Mrs. Johnston
- D. Mr. McGarrity

10) When Francie's play is performed at graduation, it is...

- A. A complete success.
- B. A complete disaster.
- C. A success for the wrong reasons.
- D. Trick question! Her play is not performed.

- 1) What is Francie's first real job?
  - A. Lifeguarding at a pool
  - B. Taking tickets on a trolley car
  - C. Selling doughnuts in a baseball park
  - D. Assembling in a factory
  
- 2) Francie discovers that her new co-workers want her to...
  - A. Quit.
  - B. Do their work for them.
  - C. Laugh with them.
  - D. Go on a date with the manager.
  
- 3) Francie starts spending time in the big city, and thinks it is...
  - A. More magical than Brooklyn.
  - B. Disappointing.
  - C. Shocking and terrifying.
  - D. Trick question! She has yet to leave Brooklyn.
  
- 4) Francie's second job pays better and involves...
  - A. Newspapers.
  - B. Animals.
  - C. Sick people.
  - D. Dead people.
  
- 5) Why does Katie decide that Neely will return to school rather than Francie?
  - A. Neely gets better grades.
  - B. Neely is older and he is a boy.
  - C. Neely does not want to go to school.
  - D. Francie would rather work.
  
- 6) What does Francie buy herself for Christmas?
  - A. Art supplies
  - B. Underwear
  - C. A tea set
  - D. A ticket to a play
  
- 7) What current event is everyone talking about in Book Four?
  - A. World War I
  - B. The invention of the atomic bomb
  - C. Exploration of the North Pole
  - D. The 1930 World's Fair
  
- 8) Which choice describes the relationship between Francie and Neely as teenagers?
  - A. They completely ignore one another.
  - B. They despise one another.
  - C. They are close and share their thoughts.
  - D. Neely has become the father figure.
  
- 9) Who falls in loves and "gets widowed, divorced, married, and pregnant – all in ten days' time"?
  - A. Katie Nolan
  - B. Gertrude McFarlane
  - C. Aunt Sissy
  - D. Francie Nolan
  
- 10) Francie tells her mother that her new plan for her education is to...
  - A. Skip high school and go to college.
  - B. Complete high school in one year.
  - C. Forget schooling and travel the world.
  - D. Sneak into classes and learn for free.

1) The 11<sup>th</sup> time Aunt Sissy gives birth is different because...

- A. She gives birth in a hospital.
- B. She gives birth in a church.
- C. The baby dies.
- D. She finally has a girl.

2) Francie regrets sleeping with Lee Rhynor because...

- A. He lied about his wife being dead.
- B. She realizes that she was not in love.
- C. She thinks that she is pregnant.
- D. Trick question! She did not sleep with him.

3) When Francie receives the letter from Lee Rhynor's wife, she is...

- A. Devastated.
- B. Relieved.
- C. Impassive (not emotional).
- D. Trick question! Katie destroys the letter.

4) Which words best describe Mr. McShane's marriage proposal to Katie?

- A. Honest and serious
- B. Silly and childish
- C. Passionate and crazed
- D. Trick question! She proposes to him.

5) Katie decides that she will not marry Mr. McShane because...

- A. He is broke and unreliable.
- B. He is not Catholic.
- C. She does not love him.
- D. Trick question! She will marry him.

6) How do the women at the telegram office enjoy their work breaks?

- A. They smoke cigarettes on the roof.
- B. They sing and play piano.
- C. They exchange clothes and beauty tips.
- D. They make fun of people passing by the windows.

7) Who helps Francie survive her first college classes?

- A. Ben, a fellow student
- B. Ms. Hinkler, the librarian
- C. Mr. Kelley, a janitor
- D. Sister Theresa, a nun

8) Where will Francie continue her college education?

- A. Brooklyn College
- B. New York University
- C. The University of Michigan
- D. Florida State University

9) What does Francie do with her mementos (memory items)?

- A. She packs them away carefully.
- B. She throws them off the Williamsburg Bridge.
- C. She burns/melts them in the furnace.
- D. She buries them next to her favorite tree.

10) The tree of the title dies when...

- A. A bulldozer runs it over.
- B. It is crushed under snow and ice.
- C. Some women chop it up for firewood.
- D. Trick question! It lives.