Pudd’nhead Wilson

Pudd’nhead Wilson “Yes, I read it” Quiz

Directions: Circle or underline the correct answer. Each question is worth 1 point.

Student Name: _______________________________________________________________

1. How does David Wilson get the nickname “Pudd’nhead Wilson”? Choose one answer.
   A. He introduces the town to pudding, a new dessert to them.
   B. He tells a joke and is misunderstood.
   C. He is not a very good lawyer.
   D. The town gives every newcomer a nickname.

2. When Percy Driscoll sets Roxy free, what does she become? Choose one answer.
   A. A vagabond who lives in the town’s haunted house.
   B. A servant of his brother Judge Driscoll.
   C. A maid on a Mississippi river boat.
   D. A thief in St. Louis.

3. What are the names of the exotic foreign twins? Choose one answer.
   A. Luigi and Antonio.
   B. Antonio and Lucas.
   C. Alberto and Carlo.
   D. Luigi and Angelo.

4. What information does Judge Driscoll receive that makes him faint in his fishing boat? Choose one answer.
   A. His nephew Tom kicked Count Luigi in public.
   B. His nephew Tom went to trial over a personal-assault case against Count Luigi instead of challenging him to a duel.
   C. His nephew Tom challenged Count Luigi to a duel instead of settling the case in a civilized manner in court.
   D. Count Luigi kicked Tom in public and challenged him to a duel.

5. What makes Judge Driscoll write another will in favor of Tom after tearing up the last one? Choose one answer.
   A. Tom has pleased him by taking Luigi to court.
   B. Tom has pleased him by challenging Luigi to a duel.
   C. Judge Driscoll tore up the last will only to scare Tom; he never intended to leave Tom out of his will.
   D. Judge Driscoll is about to participate in a duel and doesn’t know if he’ll live through it.
6. To what town does Tom go for gambling and loose living? Choose one answer.
   A. Dawson’s Landing
   B. Dawson’s Creek
   C. St. Louis
   D. Hannibal

7. What is the plan Roxy hatches after Tom’s satchel of stolen goods is stolen from him? Choose one answer.
   A. Tom is to sell her as a slave up the river to gain the money from the sale.
   B. Tom will dress up as a young girl and steal items of value from homes.
   C. Roxy will dress up as an old black woman and steal items of value from homes.
   D. Tom is to find employment on a river boat and save up enough money to get himself out of debt.

8. What does Tom actually end up doing after his satchel of stolen goods is stolen from him? Choose one answer.
   A. He does just as Roxy planned and sells her up the river.
   B. He sells Roxy down the river.
   C. He goes back home and starts stealing again.
   D. He shoots her in the nose.

9. Where do the Italian twins go after the trial? Choose one answer.
   A. Back to Europe.
   B. To St. Louis.
   C. On a river boat cruise up the Mississippi.
   D. On a tour to see more of the United States.

10. What happens to Tom (the real Chambers) at the end of the book? Choose one answer.
    A. He dies in prison.
    B. He reforms and takes care of his true mother Roxy.
    C. He is hanged.
    D. He is sold down the river to pay off some of Percy Driscoll’s debts.

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