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Summer Reading Test

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

Complete the following assessment. For the multiple choice questions, circle the letter of the correct answer. For short answer questions, please write your answer in a complete sentence.

1. Why did Claudia feel that she needed to run away?
 - a. She wasn't feeling appreciated at home.
 - b. Her brothers told her to run away.
 - c. She disliked school and never wanted to go back.
 - d. She wanted more chores at home.

2. What did Claudia like most about the idea of running away?
 - a. She wouldn't have to do anymore laundry.
 - b. She enjoyed planning the adventure.
 - c. She wouldn't have to take anymore baths.
 - d. Riding the school bus.

3. When did Claudia's "fiscal week" begin?
 - a. Sunday
 - b. Monday
 - c. Wednesday
 - d. Saturday

4. In a well written sentence, describe Claudia's plan for the runaway trip.

5. Why did Jamie have so much money?
 - a. He worked extra jobs around the neighborhood.
 - b. He stole from his older brother.
 - c. He saved his allowance and by cheating at cards.
 - d. He had no money.

6. Where did Claudia tell Jamie to hide his trumpet?
 - a. In his wastebasket
 - b. Inside the refrigerator at home.
 - c. Under the bed.
 - d. In the blanket at the foot of his bed.

7. Explain why the bus driver didn't discover Claudia and Jamie hiding in the bus.

8. Why did Jamie make so much noise as he walked off the bus.

- a. He was carrying \$24.24 in coins.
- b. he kept bumping into the bus seats.
- c. He was tripping over his shoelaces.
- d. He was crawling under all the bus seats to get to the front

9. What was in the two letters that Claudia mailed when she and Jamie got off the train?

- a. Letters to Claudia's pen pal
- b. Letters to the bus driver train conductor.
- c. Letters to her brothers.
- d. Letters to her parents and to a cereal company for a refund.

10. In your own words explain why Claudia didn't want her parents to call the FBI.

11. What did Jamie consult to determine the direction he and Claudia were taking?

- a. The sun
- b. A compass
- c. Claudia
- d. A police officer

12. When Claudia and Jamie were in the museum, what directions did Claudia give Jamie about hiding in the men's room?

- a. Stand behind the men's room door.
- b. Pretend to be a custodian
- c. Stand on the toilet with his head down and keep the stall door slightly open.
- d. He hid in the coat room.

13. Why did Jamie have control over his big sister?

- a. Jamie controlled the money and spending decisions.
- b. He decided when and where they would sleep in the museum.
- c. Jamie would call their parents if Claudia was mean to him.
- d. He allowed Claudia to always take a taxi.

14. How did Claudia and Jamie become a team?
 - a. They wore the same outfits in the museum.
 - b. They shared the same friends.
 - c. They both decided they disliked music lessons.
 - d. They started feeling like a family and cared about each other.

15. What historical event supposedly happened in the big canopy bed where Jamie and Claudia slept?
 - a. George Washington, the first U.S. president slept in it.
 - b. The murder of Amy Robsart, first wife of Lord Robert Dudley.
 - c. It was the first bed made of gold.
 - d. The murder of President Lincoln

16. Where did Claudia and Jamie hide their things in the museum?
 - a. In the coatroom and restrooms.
 - b. In a storage locker in the basement of the museum.
 - c. In a sarcophagus, an urn and behind the tapestry and drape.
 - d. Behind a famous painting and in a basket.

17. What did Claudia decide they should do to take advantage of the time they were spending in the museum?
 - a. They should learn and study art.
 - b. They should observe the people who visit the museum.
 - c. They should tour New York and keep journals.
 - d. They should hide the whole time and never be seen.

18. How did Claudia and Jamie tour the Egyptian wing?
 - a. They hired a personal tour guide.
 - b. They bought a book about Egypt and used it as a guide.
 - c. they watched a video about Egypt.
 - d. They toured the wing by joining a visiting class of school children.

19. How did Claudia and Jamie find out about the angel statue?
 - a. They saw it on the news.
 - b. They read it in the news paper.
 - c. They heard some people talking nearby them.
 - d. They asked the security guard about the statue.

20. Who did museum officials believe sculpted the statue?
 - a. DaVinci
 - b. Van Gogh
 - c. Sistine
 - d. Michelangelo

21. Where did Claudia and Jamie go to work on the mystery if the angel?
 - a. Greenwich Public Library
 - b. New York City Public Library
 - c. Metropolitan Museum of Art Library
 - d. Borders Bookstore

22. What task did Claudia assign to Jamie to do in their search?
 - a. He was to find books about the museum.
 - b. He was to find pictures of Michelangelo.
 - c. He was to find pictures of Angel.
 - d. He was to help Claudia read.

23. Which artist did some people believe carved the angel?
 - a. Michelangelo
 - b. DaVinci
 - c. Mrs. Frankweiler
 - d. Unknown

24. How did Jamie tease Claudia with a candy bar?
 - a. He rolled it in dirt and ate it.
 - b. Nothing, he threw the candy bar away.
 - c. Jamie is allergic to chocolate.
 - d. He took a bite and pretended to pass out.

25. What did Jamie hear while hiding in the men's restroom?
 - a. The bathrooms were going to be locked at night.
 - b. They were talking about Claudia and Jamie running away.
 - c. The museum is moving the angel statue to another place.
 - d. The museum will be selling the angel statue.

26. How did Jamie and Claudia get additional money?
 - a. They broke into the cash register at the snack bar.
 - b. They found money on the floor of the fountain.
 - c. They were begging for money from the museum visitors.
 - d. They didn't need anymore money.

27. What clue did Claudia and Jamie find on the pedestal of the statue?
 - a. Michelangelo's signature.
 - b. Michelangelo's fingerprint.
 - c. Marks left by a beer can.
 - d. Three intersecting circles with a "M" inside of one of them.

28. Where did Claudia and Jamie find the answer to the riddle about the mark on the bottom of the statue?
 - a. On the cover of a book in the museum bookshop.
 - b. They read about it in the newspaper.
 - c. They asked the head of the museum.
 - d. They read it in a dictionary at the museum.

29. To whom did Claudia send a letter?
 - a. To their parents.
 - b. To a newspaper reporter.
 - c. To Mrs. Frankweiler
 - d. To the head of the museum.

30. How did Claudia and Jamie write the letter to the museum?
- They found a typewriter outside a store.
 - They hand wrote the letter.
 - They had a stranger send the letter.
 - They used a computer and emailed it to the museum.
31. What event led Claudia to say to Jamie, "We'll take a long, long bath tonight?"
- Since they spent \$4.50 for the post office box, they needed more income.
 - Claudia knew that they were dirty from living in the city.
 - Jamie had fallen in a mud puddle and had to be cleaned up.
 - Claudia wanted to be sure they cleaned up before their visit with the head of the museum.
32. Who were the surprise visitors at the mastaba in the museum?
- They were Claudia's class from school.
 - They were their parents looking for them.
 - They were Jamie's class from school.
 - Mrs. Frankweiler showed up at the museum.
33. Where did Jamie deliver the letter?
- He gave it to the museum shop.
 - He dropped it in a mailbox.
 - He delivered it to the museum office.
 - He sent an email.
34. What story did Jamie tell the tour guide at the U.N. about why they weren't in school?
- There was a school holiday.
 - He told her that they ran away from home.
 - There teacher quit in the middle of the day so they left school.
 - The broiler at school exploded, so there was no heat at school.
35. Why was Claudia intrigued by the tour guide?
- She was dressed differently than anyone Claudia knew.
 - She spoke no English.
 - She was wearing overalls and had blond hair.
 - She bought Claudia and Jamie lunch at the U.N.
36. What did Claudia decide she was going to do when she was grown?
- She wanted to stay home and help poor people.
 - She wanted to move to a place where no one dressed like she dressed.
 - She wanted to be in charge of a museum.
 - She wants to be like Mrs. Frankweiler-mysterious.
37. Why was it possible that the statue had not been carved by Michelangelo, even though his mark was on the bottom?
- Michelangelo was not alive when the angel was sculpted.
 - Michelangelo was only a painter.
 - Michelangelo was made of plastic.
 - Someone else might have sculpted the statue and used his marks.

38. After Claudia and Jamie read the letter from the museum, what did Claudia do?
- She laughed.
 - She cried.
 - She went home.
 - She hopped on a train and went to Ohio.
39. Why did Claudia and Jamie decide to go to Farmington instead of their home in Greenwich?
- They were tired of the museum and needed to move on.
 - Claudia wanted to take a taxi to see the countryside.
 - They wanted to visit Mrs. Frankweiler and ask her about angel.
 - They got on the wrong train.
40. How do you think Jamie felt about Claudia getting a taxi instead of taking the bus?
- Upset, their money was short.
 - Happy, they had plenty of money.
 - Didn't bother Jamie at all.
 - He insisted they take a bus.
41. What did Jamie call Mrs. Frankweiler's house when he saw it?
- A museum.
 - A farm.
 - A department store.
 - A library.
42. When asked, what did Jamie say was the nature of his and Claudia's business?
- They were seeking information about Michelangelo.
 - They wanted to meet Mrs. Frankweiler.
 - They were seeking information about the Italian Renaissance.
 - They were looking for extra money.
43. Who spent more time washing up at before lunch?
- Claudia, she took a bath.
 - Jamie, he took a bath.
 - Mrs. Frankweiler, she took a bath.
 - Sheldon, he took a bath.
44. What secret did Jamie accidentally tell Mrs. Frankweiler?
- He told her he hated baths.
 - He told her Michelangelo sculpted angel.
 - He told her he needed a ride home.
 - He told her they ran away to the museum.
45. What did Mrs. Frankweiler serve for lunch?
- Baked potatoes
 - Macaroni and cheese
 - Grilled cheese
 - Meatball subs

46. What did Claudia consider to be the most fun part of running away?
- Having the secret of everything.
 - Learning about Michelangelo.
 - Discovering angel.
 - Teaching her parents a lesson.
47. What did Mrs. Frankweiler allow Claudia and Jamie to do in order to discover the secret of angel?
- She sat them down and explained that angel was fake.
 - She had Sheldon give them the sketch.
 - She gave them 30 minutes to find the secret file containing the sketch.
 - She gave them one hour to find the secret file containing the sketch.
48. What was the secret?
- Michelangelo did not sculpt angel.
 - There was a sketch of angel drawn by Michelangelo.
 - Angel was sculpted by an unknown artist.
 - Mrs. Frankweiler sculpted angel.
49. Why did Mrs. Frankweiler not sell the sketch?
- She wanted to keep the secret.
 - She never would get enough money for it.
 - There was no sketch.
 - She wanted to donate it to a museum.
50. Who was Saxonberg besides Mrs. Frankweiler's lawyer?
- He was Mrs. Frankweiler's husband.
 - He was the head of the museum.
 - He was the children's grandfather.
 - D. He was Mrs. Frankweiler's neighbor.