

## ***The Catcher in the Rye* Close Read Chapter 11**

Passage 5, Questions 1-9. Read the passage from Chapter 11 of *The Catcher in the Rye*, which begins at the beginning of the chapter and ends “All you knew was, you were happy. You really were” (pages 76-79) carefully before you choose your answers.

1. The tone of the last sentence of the first paragraph could best be described as
  - a. prosaic
  - b. defensive
  - c. boastful
  - d. detached
  - e. pedantic
2. In the second paragraph, in the clause “but I’d never conversed with her before or anything,” Holden’s usage of the word “conversed” is
  - a. affected
  - b. erudite
  - c. presumptuous
  - d. appropriate
  - e. precise
3. Given the content of the first two paragraphs, the narrator’s assertion that Jane was “quite fond of all athletic sports” is
  - a. well-supported with concrete examples
  - b. somewhat contradicted by later comments
  - c. totally unfounded in a realistic world
  - d. a false assumption made by the narrator
  - e. based on her participation in school activities
4. The narrator viewed Jane’s being “muckle-mouthed” as
  - a. humorous
  - b. distracting
  - c. odd
  - d. repulsive
  - e. endearing
5. In the last sentence of the third paragraph, “that kind of stuff” refers to
  - a. poems
  - b. books
  - c. baseball
  - d. personal information
  - e. death
6. In the first part of the long paragraph beginning “I remember this one afternoon,” the narrator’s comments about “kidding” and girls reveals his
  - I. immaturity
  - II. sensitivity
  - III. introspection
  - a. I only
  - b. II only
  - c. I and III only
  - d. II and III only
  - e. I, II, and III
7. The narrator’s dislike of Mr. Cudahy is most likely based on
  - a. close observation of his actions and words
  - b. Jane’s negative response to the man
  - c. rivalry with him for Jane’s attention
  - d. the man’s rude treatment of the narrator
  - e. the man’s crude manner and personal habits
8. In the same long paragraph, the reader can infer that the narrator believes that Jane
  - a. dislikes smoking and “necking”
  - b. probably resents her mother’s remarriage
  - c. may have suffered sexual advances from her stepfather
  - d. misses her real father and resents her stepfather
  - e. is overly sensitive to small slights
9. Unlike other paragraphs in the passage, the paragraph beginning “I don’t want you to get the idea” is notable for its
  - a. use of concrete detail
  - b. shifts in point of view
  - c. unusual syntax
  - d. use of slang
  - e. use of profanity