

Which of the following best states one of Emerson's philosophies?

- a) Be true to yourself.
- b) Misery loves company.
- c) Keep your head in the clouds.
- d) Revenge is fair.

According to Emerson, the "hobgoblin of little minds" is

- a) society
- b) cowardice
- c) consistency
- d) conspiracy

On the line provided, write the letter of the *best* explanation for each of the figures of speech from "Self-Reliance" that is quoted below.

"Trust thyself: Every heart vibrates to that iron string."

- a) If you trust yourself, you will come up against a steel wall.
- b) Trust yourself, and you will be strong.
- c) If you trust yourself, you will be broken as easily as a string.
- d) Trust yourself, and you will become a musician.

"Speak what you think now in hard words, and tomorrow speak what tomorrow thinks in hard words again . . ."

- a) It is difficult to speak eloquently and correctly.
- b) Telling the truth is dangerous, so don't do it.
- c) Say what's on your mind in the strongest way you can.
- d) Say what you want regardless of whether you have thought about it.

With which of the following statements would Thoreau agree?

- a) Most people's lives are too simple.
- b) The chief purpose of everyone's life should be to glorify God.
- c) Most people waste their lives by doing what society tells them to do.
- d) People need to learn to compromise in order to get along.

What reason does Thoreau give for wanting to live at Walden?

- a) He wants to withdraw from life because he is depressed.
- b) He dislikes people and wants to get away from them.
- c) He wants to prove that he does not need other people.
- d) He wants to live life more fully.

What reason does Thoreau give for finally leaving Walden?

- a) He wishes to move on to other experiences.
- b) He does not find what he is seeking there.
- c) He becomes tired of working so hard for the essentials of life.
- d) He is lonely and misses the company of other people.

Which of the following generalizations *best* summarizes Thoreau's opinion about life?

- a) Solitude is tedious and boring.
- b) Intelligent men need many friends.
- c) A simple life is a happy life.
- d) The mind can only be stimulated by reading.

Thoreau believes that all of the following are important in life except

- a) details
- b) physical labor
- c) appreciation of nature
- d) experience