The Crucible

Story Review Questions
Acts I and II
Act I - True or False

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2. Being under such strict laws and commandments, the Puritans had to repress a lot of their anger and spirit of revenge towards their neighbors. When the witch hunts started, it was an excellent opportunity for them to "let their hair down" and get revenge on their neighbors for whatever petty squabbles they had been having.

3. Tituba was Proctor's slave woman from Barbados. She went with the girls into the forest and was accused of conjuring spirits, accused of being a witch.

4. Abigail was Parris' daughter. She wanted to take Rebecca's place as John Proctor's wife.
Act I - True or False

5. Betty was Parris' daughter. In the opening scene, she has had some sort of a fit, and the only explanation the people of Salem can find for her condition is the presence of witchcraft in their village.

6. Mrs. Putnam believed witches put spells on her babies and killed them.

7. Thomas Putnam was a greedy, frustrated, bitter man.

8. Parris was well-liked and in complete control of his congregation.

9. Mary wants Abby to tell the truth about the happenings in the woods.
Act I - True or False

10. Proctor is a weak man, ill-tempered and full of malice.
11. John Proctor and Abigail had an affair.
12. One sign that Betty was bewitched was that she shrieked and flew around the room praising Satan.
13. Rebecca Nurse was truly good woman, kind and gentle in her manner. Rebecca helped to deliver some of the Putnams' babies.
14. The Nurses were not liked by the Putnams because of some land disputes, and this conflict was somewhat revenged by the Putnams when Ann Putnam accused Rebecca of bewitching her newborn babies (implying she was responsible for their deaths).
Act I - True or False

15. Rebecca cast a spell over Betty.
16. Rebecca believed the girls were bewitched.
17. Proctor doesn't attend church because he is an atheist.
18. Parris wanted the deed to his house, and firewood in addition to his salary as minister (not as a part of it).
19. Putnam was a land-grabbing man who would use devious means to get what he wants.
Act I - True or False

20. Rev. John Hale has come to Salem to take Parris's place.

21. Tituba confessed that she had conjured spirits and met with the devil and signed his book.

22. The girls admitted that they were bewitched, and they started naming the names of people they had seen with the devil.
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   a. She wants him to go apologize to Abigail.
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2. What is John's response to her prodding?
   a. He is reluctant to go.
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   c. He ignores her.
   d. He tells her to mind her own business.

3. What gift did Mary give Elizabeth?
   a. A Bible
   b. A doll
   c. A basket of flowers
   d. a & b
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4. What was the "evidence" against Sarah Good?
   a. She confessed to witchcraft.
   b. She mumbled after begging for cider and bread
   c. She could not recite the commandments in court.
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5. Why doesn't Proctor want Mary to go back to court?
   a. If she goes back, that makes him further involved.
   b. He believes that the accusations are false and the girls are frauds.
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6. Why does Elizabeth think Abigail wants to kill her?
   a. She is sick and a little paranoid.
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   a. He wanted to find out why Parris was so bitter.
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   c. He wanted to find out if the rumor about John and Abby was true.
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8. What things are "suspicious" about Proctor and his family?
   a. Proctor does not go to church regularly.
   b. The youngest son has not been baptized.
   c. He could not remember all of the commandments.
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9. Hale asks Elizabeth if she believes in witches. What is her reply?
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10. On what charge(s) was Rebecca Nurse arrested?
   a. The murder of Goody Putnam's babies
   b. Impious conduct
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   a. He comes to question John.
   b. He comes to arrest Elizabeth.
   c. He comes to talk with John about what to do about Parris
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12. What is the deciding factor in Elizabeth's arrest?
   a. Her inability to recite the ten commandments
   b. Her possession of the doll with a needle in it
   c. The fact that she has not had her son baptized
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Act II - Multiple Choice

13. What will happen to Proctor if he tries to discredit Abby?
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