

The Murderer

Choose the option that fits best.

1. In this story, Mr. Brock is being interviewed by a

- a) policeman.
- b) wrist radio.
- c) musician.
- d) psychiatrist.

2. Mr. Brock has been arrested for

- a) neglecting his wife.
- b) destroying technology.
- c) inciting a riot.
- d) stopping a bus.

3. You can tell from this story that a stenographer is

- a) an office worker.
- b) a prison official.
- c) a medical assistant.
- d) a detective.

4. From Mr. Brock's point of view, the main conflict in this story is between him and

- a) his wife.
- b) the interviewer.
- c) his telephone.
- d) society.

5. What did Mr. Brock do first when the psychiatrist entered Chamber Nine?

- a) He asked for some French chocolate ice cream.
- b) He put flannel in his ears.
- c) He broke the psychiatrist's wrist radio.
- d) He sang the song "Don't Care What Happens to Me!"

6. Mr. Brock seems to think that he will become famous for

- a) starting a revolt.
- b) selling ice cream.
- c) praising his Insinkerator.
- d) talking back to a robot.

7. Calling the passengers on the bus "Squirrels chattering in cages" is an example of

- a) simile.
- b) hyperbole.
- c) metaphor.
- d) personification.

8. Which sentence best helps you visualize what Chamber Nine looks like?

- a) "Bits of wall radio's tubes and wires lay on the gray carpeting."
- b) "High noon at midnight, that smile."
- c) "A very sunny, pleasant warm thing, a thing that shed bright light upon the room."
- d) "Something was wrong with the room."

9. Mr. Brock uses an allusion to Medusa to

- a) explain why he likes ice cream.
- b) describe his uncle who hated telephones.
- c) explain why he does not get along with his wife.
- d) describe the effect of the television on people who watch it.

10. Mr. Brock can best be described as

- a) peaceful.
- b) nonconformist.
- c) tolerant.
- d) vain.

11. You can tell that this story takes place in the future because

- a) people listen to music.
- b) every office has telephones.
- c) people have wrist radios.
- d) kitchens include garbage disposals.

12. Why did the psychiatrist feel uncomfortable when he first entered Chamber Nine?

- a) The room was quiet.
- b) Mr. Brock threatened him.
- c) He was thinking about his son's reminder.
- d) He did not like the music that was playing.

13. Which statement best expresses Mr. Brock's view of democracy?

- a) Everyone in a democracy should follow the rules like a "good soldier."
- b) It ignores the needs and desires of people in the minority.
- c) It is no better than slavery.
- d) It is the best possible system of government.

14. Unlike Br. Brock, the psychiatrist thinks that

- a) Mr. Brock's actions will lead to a worldwide revolt.
- b) ice cream is the key to Mr. Brock's recovery.
- c) people should accept reality and learn to live with it.
- d) anyone who appreciates technology is insane.