CLOSE READ: **Analyze the Text**

Identify the choice that best answers the question.

_____ **9.** What conclusion about Charlie is **most clearly** supported by this excerpt from the first section of "Flowers for Algernon"?

> I hope they use me. Miss Kinnian says maybe they can make me smart. I want to be smart. My name is Charlie Gordon. I am 37 years old and 2 weeks ago was my brithday. I have nuthing more to rite now so I will close for today.

a.	He cannot control his temper.
b.	He has below-average intelligence.
c.	He sees and hears things that are not there.
d.	He cannot hold down a job and support himself.

_____ **10.** Choose the conclusion a reader can **most accurately** draw from this excerpt from "Flowers for Algernon."

> They called the mouse Algernon. Algernon was in a box with a lot of twists and turns like all kinds of walls and they gave me a pencil and a paper with lines and lots of boxes. On one side it said START and on the other side it said FINISH. They said it was *amazed* and that Algernon and me had the same *amazed* to do. I dint see how we could have the same *amazed* if Algernon had a box and I had a paper but I dint say nothing.

a.	The doctors find Charlie amazing.
b.	Charlie finds Algernon amazing.
c.	Algernon is running in a maze.
d.	Algernon is able to read.

11. The following question has two parts. Answer Part A first, and then Part B.

_____ **Part A** In "Flowers for Algernon," what is the **main** reason that Charlie wants to increase his intelligence?

a.	He is very competitive and wants to beat Algernon when they are tested.
b.	He knows that he is different and wants to be more like other people.
c.	He wants to please Miss Kinnian and is afraid he will disappoint her.
d.	He is a lonely person with no close friends or social life.

_____ **Part B** Which of the following quotations from "Flowers for Algernon" **best** supports the answer to Part A?

a.	Anyway that test made me feel worser than all the others because they did it over 10 times with difernt *amazeds* and Algernon won every time. I dint know that mice were so smart.
b.	I don't understand why I never noticed how beautiful Miss Kinnian really is. … I think from the beginning I had the feeling that she was an unreachable genius—and very, very old.
c.	How strange it is that people of honest feelings and sensibility, who would not take advantage of a man born without arms or legs or eyes—how such people think nothing of abusing a man born with low intelligence.
d.	I see that even in my dullness I knew that I was inferior, and that other people had something I lacked—something denied me. … Even a feeble-minded man wants to be like other men.

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CLOSE READ: **Analyze Craft and Structure**

Identify the choice that best answers the question.

_____**12.** From what point of view is "Flowers for Algernon" told?

a.	first person, from Charlie's point of view
b.	first person, from Charlie's doctors' point of view
c.	third person, telling the thoughts of many characters
d.	third person, telling the thoughts of just Charlie and Miss Kinnian

_____**13.** In "Flowers for Algernon," Charlie feels happy and excited when he hears that he will have the operation. How does the point of view of the story affect the way readers learn about his feelings?

a.	The story is told by Charlie, but readers must guess how Charlie feels.
b.	The story is told by Charlie, so readers hear about his feelings directly from him.
c.	The story is told by a narrator, so readers get an outsider's explanation of Charlie's feelings.
d.	The story is told by Dr. Nemur, so readers learn what the tests show about Charlie's feelings.

_____**14.** In "Flowers for Algernon," which of these themes are **best** supported by the allusion that the character named Fanny makes to the biblical story of Eve and the tree of knowledge? Choose **two** options.

a.	It is wrong to want something that you don't already have.
b.	Nature is a source of spiritual comfort to human beings.
c.	People should not try to change what God has created.
d.	Change can be unexpectedly frightening.
e.	Knowledge can be very powerful.

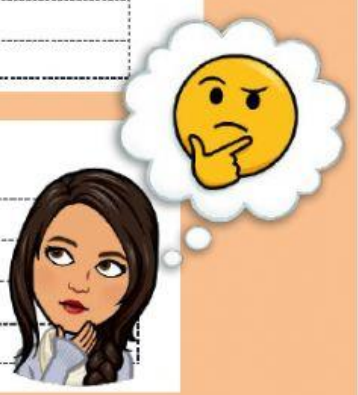
15. The following question has two parts. Answer Part A first, and then Part B.

_____ **Part A** What **main** theme about science is **most clearly** suggested by Charlie's experience in "Flowers from Algernon"?

a.	Science always helps improve the world.
b.	Science often harms the environment.
c.	Science may do unexpected harm.
d.	Science often wastes money.

_____**5.** Which phrase **best** describes Charlie at the end of "Flowers for Algernon"?

a.	sad but hopeful
b.	relieved but bitter
c.	angry and threatening
d.	proud and conceited



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