

## 1<sup>st</sup> TERM LITERATURE EXAM Herman Melville's "Moby Dick"

### 1 Underline the right words.

- (a) Queequeg comes / does not come from a whaling family.
- (b) Fedallah / Captain Ahab can see the future.
- (c) Captain Boomer has only one ear / arm.
- (d) Herman Melville was born in 1891 / 1819
- (e) One night / morning Fedallah saw the white whale.
- (f) Captain Ahab has only one eye / leg.
- (g) Starbuck wants to find Moby Dick / other whales.
- (h) Ishmael was rescued by the crew of the Albatross / Rachel.

### 2 Put the words in the sentences.

afraid      angry      crazy      excited      happy      interesting      strange      tired

- (a) Ishmael is \_\_\_\_\_ when he arrives in Nantucket.
- (b) Elijah gives Ishmael a \_\_\_\_\_ look.
- (c) Ishmael is \_\_\_\_\_ after he talks to Elijah.
- (d) Starbuck is never \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The men on the Pequod are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) Captain Ahab is \_\_\_\_\_ when he talks to his men.
- (g) The men are \_\_\_\_\_ after Captain Ahab talks to them.
- (h) Starbuck thinks that Captain Ahab's plan is \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Who

Elijah      Starbuck      Captain Gardiner      Fedallah      Stubb      Queequeg      Ishmael  
Pip      Captain Boomer      One of Stubb's men      Mary      the barman

- (a) wears a strange white hat and has almost no teeth? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) always shouts but is never angry? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) said that Captain Ahab is the devil? \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) is not married? \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) does not want to help Captain Ahab? \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) broke his arm \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) has a room for Ishmael? \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) wanted to kill Captain Ahab? \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) lost his son at sea? \_\_\_\_\_
- (j) was in Ahab's cabin when the ship went down? \_\_\_\_\_
- (k) is Starbuck's wife? \_\_\_\_\_
- (l) is the son of a Maori chief? \_\_\_\_\_

**4 Does Captain Ahab do these things? Write yes (Y) or no (N)**

- (a) He goes out in the last small whaling boat. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) He tries to kill Stubb. \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) He thinks about money. \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) He talks to the captain of the Titanic. \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) He tries to find Captain Gardiner's son. \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) He offers a reward to the first who sees the white whale. \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) He thinks about his family every day. \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) He smiles when he sees the whale. \_\_\_\_\_

**5 When do these things happen? Number them 1–8.**

- (a) Ishmael wants Starbuck to shoot Captain Ahab. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Ishmael meets Queequeg for the first time. \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Captain Ahab throws his maps into the ocean. \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) Captain Gardiner asks Captain Ahab for help. \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) The Pequod sinks. \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) Captain Ahab loses his hat. \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) The men fight sharks. \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) They catch four whales in one day. \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Are these sentences about the whalers true (T) or false (F)?**

- (a) They put lights on the end of their harpoons. \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) They think that Captain Ahab is dangerous. \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) They tell Captain Ahab to forget the white whale. \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) They try to kill Captain Ahab. \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) They hear the calls of dead sailors. \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) They look for Captain Gardiner's son. \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) Some of them laugh when Captain Ahab loses his hat. \_\_\_\_\_

**7 How does Captain Gardiner feel when he leaves Captain Ahab? Why?**

**8 When do these people die? Number them 1–5**

- (a) Queequeg \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Captain Ahab \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Starbuck and Pip \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) The men in the boat \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) Fedallah \_\_\_\_\_

**9 What is the right answer?**

- (a) Captain Ahab talks to \_\_\_\_\_ about his family.  
(1) Ishmael (2) Fedallah (3) Starbuck
- (b) Ishmael thinks that Moby Dick is .  
(1) beautiful (2) ugly (3) afraid
- (c) The whalers are \_\_\_\_\_ when they cannot find Fedallah.  
(1) interested (2) happy (3) not sad
- (d) On the third day, there is/are only \_\_\_\_\_ whaling boat(s) left on the Pequod.  
(1) one (2) two (3) three
- (e) The whale's body feels \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) warm (2) cold (3) soft
- (f) Captain Ahab dies \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) with a rope around his body (2) when the Pequod goes down (3) in the whale's mouth
- (g) Ishmael is in the water for two \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) hours (2) days (3) weeks

**10 Why are these things important to whalers? Please write a short answer.**

- oil barrels \_\_\_\_\_
- harpoons \_\_\_\_\_
- maps \_\_\_\_\_
- the weather \_\_\_\_\_

**11 Try to answer and explain .....**

Why did people kill whales?

**12 Answer these questions with one word from the word list.**

barrel      coffins      body      bone      death      captain      row      sharks      oil      harpoon  
dreams      huge      rope      devil      sails      stars      whale      gold      evil      God

- (a) How big are whales? \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) What dangerous animals live in the ocean? \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) What do ships use if they have no engine? \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) With what can you navigate during night time? \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) In what are dead people are often buried? \_\_\_\_\_
- (f) What is one of the most precious metals? \_\_\_\_\_
- (g) What do people have when they sleep? \_\_\_\_\_
- (h) What is the biggest animal on the planet? \_\_\_\_\_
- (i) What did you have to do to move forward in a small boat? \_\_\_\_\_
- (j) What was a very common form of a container back in the days? \_\_\_\_\_

**13 What lessons can we learn from this story?**