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English Literature

**Poetry – Four Skinny Trees**

**Section A: Multiple Choice**

**Instructions:** Write the letter of the correct answer on the space provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the poet of Four Skinny Trees. \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Billy Collins
- b. Paul Fleischman
- c. Sandra Cisneros
- d. J.K. Rowling

2. What is the setting of “Four Skinny Trees”? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. On Bay Street
- b. On Mango Street
- c. On Poinciana Drive
- d. On Market Street

3. What figurative device is the title “Four Skinny Trees”? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Metaphor
- b. Simile
- c. Alliteration
- d. Personification

4. Four Skinny Trees is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. play
- b. vignette
- c. lyric
- d. sonnet

5. How is the speaker like the trees? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. They both have skinny necks.
- b. They both have skinny elbows.
- c. They both look weak and scrawny.
- d. All of the Above

6. According to the poem, the trees give the narrator \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. fruits
- b. shelter
- c. advice
- d. None of the Above

**Section B – Content Questions**

Instructions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

7. What does the narrator learn from the trees?

\_\_\_\_\_  
(2pts)

8. The trees grow 'despite the concrete'. What is the:

a. literal meaning

\_\_\_\_\_ (2pts)

b. figurative meaning

\_\_\_\_\_ (2pts)

9. What is the theme of 'Four Skinny Trees'?

\_\_\_\_\_ (2pts)

**Section C- Figurative Language**

**Instructions:** Identify and explain the figurative device used in the following line.

10. 'They'd droop like tulips in a glass'.

a. What figurative device is being used? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt)

b. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are being compared. (2pts)

c. What does the sentence mean?

\_\_\_\_\_ (2pts)

**Section D- Vocabulary** – Define ALL of the following words

a. strength \_\_\_\_\_ (2pts)

b. ferocious \_\_\_\_\_ (2pts)

c. tiny \_\_\_\_\_ (2pts)