MINI COMPREHENSION TEST 1 – CHAPTERS 1–3

STUDENT: _____

Write your answers (A–D) in the below table.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

1 Which literary character is characterized by his unwillingness to talk?
a Snowball
b Napoleon
c Benjamin
d Old Major

2 Old Major gives a revolutionary speech that is based on …
a his experience.
b his dreams.
c what he has witnessed on other farms.
d a philosophical book that he has recently read.

3 What is the title of the song the animals start singing spontaneously?
a Let's beat England
b Beasts of England
c Animals will prevail
d Tyrant man shall be overthrown

4 The pigs expound a philosophical system the animals should live by. What is it called?
a Animal Rebellion
b Animal Laws
c Sugarcandy Mountain
d Animalism

5 Jones, the owner of Animal Farm, has taken to drinking because …
a he was forced to be a farmer by his parents.
b he did not earn enough money for his family to lead a proper life.
c he lost a lot of money in a lawsuit.
d his wife left him.

6 Once Mr. Jones is banished from the farm, his house is initially …
a designated as a place for all the animals to gather and make mutual decisions.
b burnt down as to destroy any sign of Jones.
c designated as the sleeping quarters for the pigs.
d made into a museum attesting to the animals' rebellion.

7 In the course of the story, nine puppies are delivered. What happens to them?
a The farm animals decide they should be sold.
b All the farm animals decide they should be raised as watchdogs.
c Napoleon takes them away and they are soon forgotten.
d They become active opponents of Animalism.

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In Chapter 1, Old Major starts to sing 'Beasts of England'. Below are four stanzas from the entire song. Which stanza 1–4 answers the following questions?

- What will animals have?
- What will happen to man?
- How will they achieve this?
- What will they get rid of?

A.)

Soon or late the day is coming,
Tyrant Man shall be o'erthrown,
And the fruitful fields of England
Shall be trod by beasts alone.

B .)

Rings shall vanish from our noses,
And the harness from our back,
Bit and spur shall rust forever,
Cruel whips no more shall crack.

C.)

Riches more than mind can picture,
Wheat and barley, oats and hay,
Clover, beans, and mangel-wurzels
Shall be ours upon that day.

D.)

For that day we all must labour,
Though we die before it break;
Cows and horses, geese and turkeys,
All must toil for freedom's sake.

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VOCABULARY – CHAPTERS 1–3

The tasks below focus on some of the words that appear in Chapters 1–3. To do all the exercises, you may need to consult a dictionary.

Match the words from the box with their definitions.

benevolent	to ensconce	dignity	enmity	vivacious	pellet	trotter

1 a small hard ball or tube-shaped piece of any substance — **1** _____
2 a pig's foot (eps. when used for food) — **2** _____
3 the quality or state of deserving respect, esp. because of being controlled, serious and calm — **3** _____
4 (a) feeling of hate — **4** _____
5 kind and helpful — **5** _____
6 to place (yourself) firmly in a particular place for a length of time — **6** _____
7 (esp. of a woman or girl) attractively full of energy and enthusiasm — **7** _____

Use the words from the box in the below sentences.

to shirk	literate	obvious	acute	maxim

1 He often preaches the _____ of 'use it or lose it'.

2 He was a brilliant inventor, but he needed a financially _____ partner to help him develop his business.

3 They do have a small child, and so for _____ reasons they need to find work as soon as possible.

4 If you _____ your responsibilities/duties now, the situation will just be that much harder to deal with next month. (= avoid)

5 She was taken to hospital suffering from _____ abdominal pains.

*the example sentences have been taken or adopted from *Cambridge International Dictionary of English*

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