

Test: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____

Plot Summary:

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind is based on the true story of William Kamkwamba, a young boy from Malawi, a country in southeastern Africa. William is a curious and intelligent 13-year-old who lives in a small village with his family. Life becomes difficult when the village is hit by floods, followed by a terrible drought, leading to a devastating famine.

William is forced to leave school because his family cannot afford the fees. Despite this, he sneaks into the library and teaches himself about electricity and energy. Inspired by a science book, he gets an idea: to build a windmill that can pump water from the ground to irrigate the crops and save his village from hunger.

With the help of his father's old bicycle and parts from the junkyard, William works hard to build the windmill. At first, many people doubt him, including his father, but eventually, they come to believe in his vision. William's invention brings hope, water, and a future to his community.

Part A: Multiple Choice (5 questions)

Circle the correct answer.

1. What causes the famine in William's village?

- A) Locusts destroy the crops
- B) A war blocks food imports
- C) Flooding followed by drought
- D) The government steals food supplies

2. What does William use as the main part of his windmill?

- A) His teacher's car battery
- B) His father's bicycle
- C) A broken school fan
- D) His sister's radio

3. Why doesn't William's father support the windmill idea at first?

- A) He doesn't understand electricity
- B) He's afraid it won't work and will waste time
- C) He wants William to study medicine
- D) He wants to sell the bicycle for food

4. How does the community react when the windmill finally works?

- A) They are angry that he didn't help them earlier
- B) They don't understand what it does
- C) They celebrate and are full of hope
- D) They ask William to leave the village

5. What is one major theme of the movie?

- A) Wealth brings happiness
- B) Tradition is more important than change
- C) Education and perseverance can overcome hardship
- D) Nature cannot be controlled by humans

Part B: Matching (3 questions)

Match each character to their role.

Characters**Roles**

6. Annie Kamkwamba	A. William's supportive sister
7. Chief Wimbe	B. Local leader who tries to keep order
8. Edith Kamkwamba	C. William's mother, who believes in him

Answers:

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Part C: Comprehension Questions (Short Answer)

Answer in complete sentences.

9. Why was education so important to William, even after he was expelled from school?

10. Describe how William's invention affected his community.

11. How did the political situation in Malawi make things more difficult for William's family?

12. What does the title *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* mean, and how is it symbolic?

Part A – I : Multiple Choice (5 questions)

Choose the correct answer. Circle only one.

1. Where does the story take place?

- A) Nigeria
- B) Malawi
- C) Kenya
- D) Ghana

2. What problem does William's village face?

- A) War
- B) Flood
- C) Famine
- D) Epidemic

3. Why is William expelled from school?

- A) He fights with another student
- B) He breaks school property
- C) He can't pay the school fees
- D) He refuses to do homework

4. What inspires William to build a windmill?

- A) A science fiction novel
- B) A documentary film
- C) A book from the school library
- D) His teacher's lesson

5. What is the main purpose of William's windmill?

- A) Generate electricity for lights
- B) Pump water for irrigation
- C) Charge mobile phones
- D) Power a school radio

Part B – 2 : Matching (3 questions)

Match the characters to their correct description. Write the correct letter.

Characters	Descriptions
6. William Kamkwamba	A. William's supportive teacher
7. Trywell Kamkwamba	B. The main character who builds the windmill
8. Mr. Kachigunda	C. William's father, skeptical but proud

Answers:

6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Part C – 3 : Short Answer (2 questions)

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

9. How did William convince his father to give him the bicycle?

10. What message or lesson does the movie teach viewers?