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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)

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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)

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