

MY FIRST FREE SUMMER

Selection Test B/C**Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.
(6 points each)

1. Alvarez's lack of awareness about her country's political situation caused her to question why
 - A. she had to attend summer school
 - B. her mother insisted that she learn English
 - C. her family members were moving away
 - D. Americans cared about liberty and justice
2. Which detail suggests that members of Alvarez's family were wealthy and influential?
 - A. Alvarez's mother met with the principal at the end of each school year.
 - B. Alvarez had friends who marched in parades and visited the dictator's palace.
 - C. The secret police kept watch on the Alvarez family's home each night.
 - D. The American school was located on land that the Alvarez family had donated.
3. What was the immediate effect on Alvarez when the plot to bring democracy to the Dominican Republic failed?
 - A. She witnessed the arrests of family members.
 - B. Children from her neighborhood avoided her.
 - C. Her hopes for a fun summer were ruined.
 - D. Soldiers separated her from her parents.
4. Statements in the memoir suggest that when Alvarez learned that her family would travel to the United States, she felt
 - A. sad about leaving the friends she played with in the common yard
 - B. concerned because everyone in the United States spoke English
 - C. hopeful that she and her family finally would live in freedom
 - D. excited about seeing her cousins and other family members again
5. Why did Alvarez answer enthusiastically when the American official asked whether she was ready for school?
 - A. She knew that American summer school would be better than summer school in her home country.
 - B. Her mother had taught her to show interest whenever someone asked her about school.
 - C. She realized that the official would grant her family entrance to the United States.
 - D. The official was testing her ability to understand and speak English.

SELECTION TEST B/C, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word.
(6 points each)

6. If something is replete, it is
- A. heavily guarded
 - B. abundantly supplied
 - C. secretly observed
 - D. carefully tended
7. To unravel means to
- A. undo
 - B. mislead
 - C. disagree
 - D. decrease
8. What does summon mean?
- A. send for
 - B. speak of
 - C. plead with
 - D. waver about
9. A contradiction is a
- A. question without an answer
 - B. guarantee of an improved life
 - C. decision that comes about suddenly
 - D. statement that is opposite to another
10. What is an interrogation?
- A. a search by an adult for the meaning of events from his or her childhood
 - B. a planned interview between an employer and a job applicant
 - C. the process of questioning someone in an official or formal way
 - D. the system for documenting the arrival of immigrants in a country

Written Response

Short Response On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the memoir. (10 points each)

11. What activity did Alvarez's father engage in that put him and his family at risk in the Dominican Republic?
12. What was the effect of Alvarez's realization that her family was escaping from the Dominican Republic rather than simply taking a trip to the United States?

Extended Response Answer one of the following questions based on your knowledge of the memoir. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

13. Alvarez's parents sheltered her from the truth of the turbulent situation in the Dominican Republic. How do you think her life would have been different had they shared the truth with her? Include details from the memoir in your response.
14. **Challenge** How might Alvarez view her time at the American school differently as an adult than she did as a student in the Dominican Republic? Support your response with details from the memoir.