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Grade 9/ College Prep and Advanced English 1:
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

1. What color is Bilbo's front door into his hobbit hole?

2. Who is the first dwarf to arrive at Bilbo's house in Chapter 1?

3. What does Gloin say about Bilbo that enrages Bilbo so much that he overcomes his fears and joins the adventurers?

4. Who made the map that Gandalf gives to Thorin?

5. What was the name of the town of Men that was under the shadow of the Lonely Mountain until the dragon came and destroyed it?

6. Which dwarf has a smoke-ring blowing competition or game with Gandalf?

7. What musical instrument does Thorin Oakenshield play?

8. What color is Thorin's hood?

9. What game or sport was accidentally invented by Bilbo's ancestor Bullroarer Took?

10. Which pair of dwarves are the youngest?

11. What was the name of Bilbo's mother?

12. What sort of drink does Gandalf ask Bilbo to get him in Chapter 1?

13. What is the name of the inn where the dwarves meet Bilbo in Chapter 2?

14. Whose hood and cloak does Bilbo borrow?

15. Which dwarves are the best at lighting fires?

16. What are the trolls' names?
17. What does Bilbo try to steal from the trolls?

18. Which troll catches Bilbo in Chapter 2?

19. Which dwarf puts up the most fight when the trolls try to capture him?

20. What does Thorin use as a weapon against the trolls in Chapter 2?

21. What cooking method do the trolls decide on first of all before Gandalf stirs up the argument again?

22. What does Bilbo take from the trolls' hoard of loot?

23. What foodstuffs do the adventurers take from the troll's cave for breakfast?

24. Where does Bilbo hide while the trolls are fighting and arguing?

25. What is the other name for Rivendell?

26. What is unusual or rare about Elrond's ancestry?

27. On what day does Elrond read the runes on the swords and on the map?

28. What is the English translation for the names of the swords (Orcrist and Glamdring) that Thorin and Gandalf now own?

29. What is another name for the Dwarves' New Year?

30. What phase of the moon is showing when Elrond studies the map?

31. Where were Glamdring and Orcrist originally forged?

32. What does Elrond dislike about dwarves?

33. Where are the elves hiding when they sing nonsense songs to welcome the adventurers to Rivendell?

34. What does Bilbo's handwriting look like?

35. Which of the following is not a hazard that needs to be avoided in the path leading to Rivendell?

36. What type of bird is named in the moon-letters on the map?

37. What weather forces the adventurers to seek shelter in a cave in Chapter 4?

38. Who found the cave in Chapter 4?

39. How many goblins grab Bilbo?

40. What do the goblins use to beat time while they sing?

41. What was the final fate of the ponies?

42. What device do the goblins have made for them?
43. What is the goblin name for Thorin's sword?

44. Who carries Bilbo at first as they try to escape from the mines after Gandalf kills the Great Goblin?

45. What is obviously magical about Gandalf's sword Glamdring (Foe-hammer)?

46. Who is carrying Bilbo when the goblins find them for the second time?

47. What light are the adventurers using to guide them inside the tunnels in Chapter 4?

48. Why can't the dwarves hear the goblins coming?

49. Why can't the goblins find Bilbo after he is knocked unconscious?

50. What does Bilbo find on the floor in Chapter 5?

51. What does Bilbo learn about his sword in Chapter 5?

52. What animals does Bilbo sense as he wanders through the dark tunnels in Chapter 5?

53. What stops Bilbo from going forward in the dark tunnels in Chapter 5?

54. How does Gollum get from his island to the shore of the lake?

55. What does Gollum eat?

56. What is the answer to Bilbo's first riddle?

57. What will happen if Bilbo loses the riddle contest?

58. Where did Gollum live before coming to the underground lake?

59. What is "never thirsty, ever drinking/All in mail never clinking?"

60. What does Gollum call the ring?

61. Who does Bilbo see first after escaping Gollum and the dark tunnels?

62. What does Bilbo not tell the dwarves about his adventures inside the tunnels?

63. What type of enchantments is Gandalf especially good at?

64. What day of the week was it when the adventurers were captured?

65. What does Bilbo find to eat as they walk through the woods in Chapter 6?

66. Why is the magic ring unable to protect the wearer from the wargs?

67. What sort of tree does Gandalf take refuge from the wargs in?

68. Why did the wargs come to the clearing where the adventurers were?

69. What colors of flame does Gandalf use to drive the wolves back with?

70. What first alerts the Lord of the Eagles to the events in the wood?
71. How does the forest catch on fire in Chapter 6?
72. What does Bilbo think the eagles will do to him at first?
73. What does Bilbo eat for breakfast when he wakes up in the eagles' eyrie?
74. What reward do the dwarves give to the eagles at the end of the adventures?
75. What special ability does Beorn have?
76. Which dwarf has to come to Beorn's house alone?
77. What is Beorn doing when Gandalf and Bilbo arrive at his house?
78. What is the name of Gandalf's cousin?
79. What animals set up the dinner table and light the lamps in Beorn's hall?
80. How does Beorn react to the dwarves' talk of gold, silver and jewels?
81. What happened outside Beorn's hall on the first night the adventurers stayed there?
82. How does Beorn find out that Gandalf's story is true?
83. What does Bilbo see at nightfall as they travel towards Mirkwood?
84. What is Gandalf's last piece of advice before he leaves the dwarves and Bilbo?
85. What animals do the adventurers see quite frequently in the early stages of their journey through Mirkwood?
86. Why don't the adventurers drink from the black stream in the middle of Mirkwood?
87. Who is supposed to ride in the boat with Bombur?
88. Why does Bombur fall into the enchanted river?
89. What change do the adventurers notice after encountering the hunt and the white deer?
90. What small creatures does Bilbo find at the top of the oak tree in Chapter 8?
91. Who is the first to see the lights from the elves' feast?
92. What happens when one of the adventurers steps into the ring of lights surrounding the elves' feast?
93. What wakes Bilbo up from his sleep after he realizes he is alone in Chapter 8, after coming across the elves' feast?
94. How does Bilbo kill the spiders who have captured the dwarves in their webs?
95. After they have defeated the spiders, who do the adventurers discover is missing?
96. What sort of elves have taken Thorin prisoner?
97. What weapons do the Wood Elves use when they take the dwarves prisoner?

98. What is the Elf King's crown made of during autumn (fall)?

99. Why are the dwarves glad to be captured by the elves (at first)?

100. What question of Balin's enraged the Elvenking?

101. How does Bilbo find food while skulking around in the Elvenking's palace?

102. What is mostly transported by river inside the barrels from the people of Laketown to the Wood Elves?

103. In Chapter 9, with whom does the chief guard get drunk?

104. What is the name of the elvenking's butler?

105. What is the weak point in Bilbo's plan of escape from the elves?

106. What nearly gives Bilbo's presence away to the men steering the barrels in spite of the invisibility conferred on him by the ring?

107. What is Thorin considering doing when he learns that the other dwarves are also in prison with him?

108. What prediction of Gandalf's comes true in Chapter 9?

109. What is the first landmark feature that Bilbo notices as the barrel he is riding takes him out of the forest?

110. What is the most common building material used in Laketown?

111. What had Fili's barrel been used to carry before he escaped inside it?

112. How does Bilbo manage to recognize Thorin after freeing him from the barrel?

113. What happened to Thorin's sword Orcrist?

114. What skills or interests does the Master have that have made him the ruler of Laketown?

115. Why is the King of the Wood Elves wiser than the men of Laketown?

116. Why is Bilbo unhappy during their stay in Laketown?

117. What does the Master believe about Thorin and his company at first?

118. How long do the dwarves and Bilbo stay in Laketown?

119. Who sit beside Thorin at the high table after Thorin proclaims himself as the descendant of Thror, King Under the Mountain?

120. What mistaken belief is held by the younger people of Laketown?

121. What is the name of the hill close to where the dwarves and Bilbo make their first camp approaching the Lonely Mountain?
122. What type of birds inhabit the area of the mountain and valleys closest to the Front Gate?

123. What does Bilbo deduce from seeing the smoke and steam issuing from the Front Gate?

124. Who finds the 'doorstep' of the secret door in Chapter 11?

125. How can the dwarves and Bilbo reach the third camp outside the 'doorstep'?

126. What phase of the moon is showing when Bilbo realizes that Durin's Day has come and they can find the keyhole?

127. How high is the doorway that leads into the secret tunnel in Chapter 11?

128. Which dwarf is not present on the Doorstep when the door is finally opened?

129. What methods do the dwarves use in an attempt to open the secret door before the keyhole is revealed?

130. What animals or creatures can be found near the doorstep?

131. What do the dwarves suggest that Bilbo should do when they begin to despair of being able to open the secret door in Chapter 11?

132. Why does Bombur choose to stay below and guard the ponies in Chapter 11?

133. In Chapter 12, who volunteers to come some of the way down the tunnel with Bilbo?

134. What is the first hint of the dragon's presence that Bilbo notices as he descends the tunnel?

135. What colors is Smaug?

136. What does Bilbo manage to steal from Smaug in Chapter 12?

137. What did Smaug meet in his nightmare before he wakes up?

138. Why does Smaug react with such great fury in Chapter 12?

139. How does Bilbo know that the gem he stumbles across is the Arkenstone?

140. What makes Bilbo drop his torch after finding the Arkenstone?

141. What does Thorin take as armor and weapons from the hoard of Smaug's treasure?

142. For whom was the armor Bilbo is rewarded with in Chapter 13 originally made?

143. Apart from the dragon, what other animals live inside the Lonely Mountain?

144. Who makes the cram that the dwarves and Bilbo eat while camping at Ravenhill?

145. What is the full name of the grim-faced man who habitually predicts disasters like floods and poisoned fish?

146. Why do the people of Lake-town destroy the bridges as a defense against the onslaught of the dragon?
147. Why do most of the arrows shot at Smaug have no effect on him?

148. Why is Bard astonished when the thrush lands on his shoulder?

149. Why can Bard understand the speech of the thrush?

150. In Chapter 14, who does Bard ask for help in making sure that the refugees from Laketown have food and shelter to help them through the oncoming winter?

151. What type of bird brings Bilbo and the dwarves the news of the dragon's death?

152. How old is Roac the raven?

153. What advice does Roac give to Thorin about the Lakemen?

154. What does Bilbo most want to happen while the dwarves are preparing for a siege by the elves and Lakemen?

155. How do the dwarves manage to obtain three ponies in Chapter 15?

156. Name the reasons Bard gives to persuade the dwarves to share the treasure with the people of Laketown.

157. Who is supposed to be on watch when Bilbo steals out of the stronghold to the elves and Lakemen?

158. In Chapter 16, who does Bilbo deal with and offer his share of the treasure to, along with the Arkenstone?

159. What unexpected news does Bilbo give the elves and Lakemen?

160. How does the Elvenking react to the sight of the Arkenstone?

161. Who does Bilbo meet unexpectedly in the camp of the elves and Lakemen?

162. What is the other name for the Arkenstone?

163. How does Thorin learn that Bilbo was the one who gave the Arkenstone to Bard and the Elvenking?

164. Who carries the wooden casket holding the Arkenstone to the parley with Thorin?

165. What does Thorin threaten to do to Bilbo in Chapter 17?

166. What do the dwarves of the Iron Hills wear that is their special technological secret?

167. What is the name of Dain's father?

168. Who attacks first and starts the war over the dragon gold?

169. What wound has Gandalf sustained during the Battle of the Five Armies?

170. Which dwarves are killed in the battle or die because of wounds sustained during it?

171. Who killed Bolg, the goblin chief?
172. What treasures are placed on Thorin's body and/or tomb when he is buried?

173. What gift does Bard the Bowman give to the Elvenking?

174. What does Bilbo give to the Elvenking to pay for the food and wine he stole from him?

175. Where are Bilbo and Gandalf when Bilbo learns what Gandalf was doing while they were in Mirkwood?

176. What wakes Bilbo while he is sleeping at Rivendell in Chapter 19?

177. How long do Gandalf and Bilbo stay at Rivendell on the return journey?

178. Where else does Bilbo get treasure from, apart from his share of Smaug's hoard?

179. Who are the auctioneers selling off Bilbo's house and effects?

180. On what date was the auction of Bilbo's house and effects to take place?