Cliffs Quiz for FAHRENHEIT 451

1. What is the primary duty of the firemen in the novel?

- a. To fight fires
- b. To protect free speech
- c. To burn illegal books
- d. To burn people who defy laws

2. What is the imposing threat throughout this novel?

- a. Nuclear meltdown
- b. Natural disasters
- c. War
- d. Alien invasion

3. Why is Clarisse unique?

- a. She loves the TV family
- b. She likes conversation
- c. She goes to therapy
- d. She goes to school

4. Which of the following is a highly motivating force of change for Montag?

- a. The Mechanical Hound's growling
- b. Millie's suicide attempt
- c. Admonishment by Beatty
- d. The old woman's death

5. Faber is a former professor of which subject?

- a. Mathematics
- b. English
- c. History
- d. Law

6. What poem does Montag read to his wife, Mrs. Phelps, and Mrs. Bowles?

- a. "Dover Beach"
- b. "Leda and the Swan"
- c. "Ulysses"
- d. "Ode on a Grecian Urn"

7. In what century does the story take place?

- a. Twenty-first
- b. Twenty-second
- c. Twenty-fourth
- d. Twenty-ninth

8. What is Captain Beatty's relationship with books?

- a. He doesn't know how to read and is ashamed of it
- b. He hates books vehemently and is proud he has never read one
- c. He thinks they are a good form of entertainment if not taken too seriously
- d. He is well read but enforces the state views about books

9. Who is the leader of the social outcasts and criminals?

- a. Stoneman
- b. Granger
- c. Black
- d. Clara Phelps

10. Which character says the following: "Play the man, Master Ridley; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out."

- a. Clarisse
- b. The old woman
- c. Captain Beatty
- d. Mildred

11. Who says the following: "Give a man a few lines of verse and he thinks he's the Lord of all Creation. You think you can walk on water with your books."

- a. Captain Beatty
- b. Faber
- c. Granger
- d. Guy Montag

12. Who says the following: "Books aren't people. You read and I look around, but there isn't anybody!"

- a. Mildred
- b. Faber
- c. Granger
- d. Guy Montag

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- 13. Who says the following: "Those who don't build must burn. It's as old as history and juvenile delinquents."
 - a. Captain Beatty
 - b. Faber
 - c. Granger
 - d. Guy Montag
- 14. Who attempts suicide but denies it the next day?
 - a. Faber
 - b. Mildred
 - c. Granger
 - d. Clarisse
- 15. Who is the story's antagonist, who quotes literature and displays extensive knowledge of books?
 - a. Professor West
 - b. Granger
 - c. Faber
 - d. Captain Beatty
- 16. The protagonist of the story is
 - a. Captain Beatty
 - b. Faber
 - c. Granger
 - d. Guy Montag
- 17. Montag thinks the answer to life will be
 - a. books
 - h television
 - c. war
 - d. sugar
- 18. Who does Montag meet as he escapes the city, and who helps him evade the Hound?
 - a. Captain Beatty
 - b. Faber
 - c. Granger
 - d. Professor West

- 19. What is the opposite of utopian?
 - a. Myopian
 - b. Dystopian
 - c. Harmony
 - d. Cacophony
- 20. Who does Montag meet that makes him start questioning his life?
 - a. Clarisse
 - b. Granger
 - c. Professor West
 - d. Clara Phelps
- 21. Bradbury never once uses the word "censorship" in the novel.
 - a. True
 - b. False
- 22. How many walls of television do Guy and Mildred have in their house?
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Three
 - d. Four
- 23. Who is the main enforcer of the society's rules?
 - a. Granger
 - b. The Mechanical Hound
 - c. Faber
 - d. Clarisse
- 24. Which is one of the ways Guy realizes that Mildred doesn't have much regard for human life?
 - a. She cries when a TV character dies, but not when a real person does
 - b. She drives too recklessly
 - c. She quits eating dessert
 - d. She lets her skin get too pale
- 25. Mildred's favorite television personality is a
 - a. musician
 - b. talk-show host
 - c. clown
 - d. televangelist

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Answers:

- (1) c
- (2) c
- (3) b
- (4) d
- (5) b
- (6) a
- (7) c
- (8) d
- (9) b
- (10) b
- (11) a
- (12) a
- (13) b
- (14) b
- (15) d
- (16) d
- (17) a
- (18) c
- (19) b
- (20) a
- (21) a
- (22) c
- (23) b
- (24) b
- (25) c