

IN THE HEART OF THE SEA – TEST #1

- 1-Whalemen at that time in Nantucket would work on a ship for a:
 - A-lay
 - B-hourly wage
 - C-predetermined sum
 - D-monthly salary

- 2-By 1835 this town had eclipsed Nantucket as America's leading whaling port:
 - A-New York
 - B-Cape Cod
 - C-Boston
 - D-New Bedford

- 3-All men aboard the *Essex* served alternating four-hour stints on deck with the exception of the:
 - A-idlers
 - B-green hands
 - C-navigators
 - D-native Nantucketers

- 4-Nearly every house in Nantucket in the early 1800s had a roof-mounted platform known as a:
 - A-Crow's nest
 - B-Scotch
 - C-Walk
 - D-Deck

- 5-Opaque, ash-colored substance in a whale's intestinal tract worth more than its weight in gold:
 - A-spermaceti
 - B-blubber
 - C-duff
 - D-amber-gris

- 6-The typical pod of whales is comprised almost exclusively of:
 - A-adult males
 - B-interrelated adult females and immature whales
 - C-male-female pairs
 - D-baby whales

- 7-Their first night in the whaleboats, the crews believed their best chance at survival was:
 - A-chancing upon an uncharted island

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- B-turning around and heading home
- C-happening upon a whaleship
- D-happening upon a merchant vessel

8-A sperm whale is uniquely equipped to survive a head-on collision with a ship due to this feature:

- A-massive blubber deposits around brain
- B-oil-filled cavity between head and vital organs
- C-tail that can reduce speed at rapid rate
- D-rock hard jawbone

9-An exceptionally accurate, if expensive, timepiece used to calculate longitude on a ship in 1820:

- A-compass
- B-log line
- C-lunar
- D-chronometer

10-The first food Chase, Lawrence, and Nickerson were given aboard the ship that rescued them:

- A-turtle
- B-Welsh rarebit
- C-tapioca pudding
- D-shepherd's pie

11-On December 9th if the men had headed west, they would have reached this island in as little as a week:

- A-Cuba
- B-Tahiti
- C-Curacao
- D-Fiji

12-The wrecked whaleship the *Essex* encountered on the island of Maio:

- A-Gardner
- B-Atlantic
- C-Archimedes
- D-Midas

13-Birds that the men subsisted on while encamped on Henderson Island:

- A-man-of-war hawks
- B-tropic birds
- C-blue-footed boobies
- D-seagulls

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- 14-Crustaceans that Chase's men found attached to the bottom of their boat:
A-gooseneck barnacles
B-geoduck clams
C-krill
D-shrimp
- 15-Writer to whom William Henry Chase lent Owen Chase's *Essex* narrative:
A-John Steinbeck
B-William Faulkner
C-F. Scott Fitzgerald
D-Herman Melville
- 16-During World War II the University of Minnesota's Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene conducted a benchmark study of:
A-seasickness
B-cannibalism
C-starvation
D-hypothermia
- 17-The main reason the *Essex* men chose not to sail to the Marquesas islands after their ship was sunk:
A-reputation of cannibalism among islands' inhabitants
B-too far out of their way
C-active volcanoes
D-lack of reliable maps
- 18-The first man to be eaten by the crew:
A-Lawson Thomas
B-John Dean
C-George Pollard
D-Thomas Nickerson
- 19-A disfiguring accumulation of fluid in the body:
A-superhydration
B-dehydration
C-hyponatremia
D-edema
- 20-Suspended in netting above his captain's cabin aboard the *Two Brothers*, George Pollard kept:
A-navigation books
B-provisions
C-two pistols
D-last will and testament

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