

CliffsNotes.com® Quiz for THE KITE RUNNER

- 1. What was Hassan's most noticeable physical characteristic?**
 - a. His leg left is amputated
 - b. He has a cleft lip
 - c. He is missing the index finger on his right hand
 - d. He is blind
- 2. In which Afghanistan city do Amir and Hassan grow up?**
 - a. Kandahar
 - b. Heart
 - c. Kunduz
 - d. Kabul
- 3. What is the first word spoken by Hassan?**
 - a. Baba
 - b. Amir
 - c. Ali
 - d. Rahim
- 4. To Baba, all sins are a variation of what one and only sin?**
 - a. Theft
 - b. Hate
 - c. Murder
 - d. Blasphemy
- 5. Who first welcomed the orphaned Ali into Baba and Amir's home?**
 - a. Baba
 - b. Amir's grandfather
 - c. Amir's great grandfather
 - d. Amir's mother
- 6. According to Amir, what are the things that most connect him to his father?**
 - a. Short stories
 - b. Poetry
 - c. Kites
 - d. Music
- 7. On the morning of the first kite-flying tournament, what is the dream about that Hassan shares with Amir?**
 - a. An alleged monster
 - b. Amir's mother
 - c. Hassan's mother
 - d. Amir's grandfather
- 8. As Assef sodomizes Hassan, Amir compares the look he sees on Hassan's face to what?**
 - a. A cat's face
 - b. A resistant goat
 - c. A sterile bull
 - d. A sacrificial lamb
- 9. In the end, what does Amir ultimately do surrounding Hassan's being sodomized?**
 - a. He fights Assef.
 - b. He runs.
 - c. He yells at Assef to stop.
 - d. He tells an old man in the bazaar.
- 10. What gift does Assef give to Amir at Amir's thirteenth birthday party?**
 - a. A book of short stories
 - b. A new kite
 - c. A biography of Hitler
 - d. A notebook
- 11. From what does Baba die?**
 - a. Old age
 - b. Cancer
 - c. A land mine
 - d. A heart attack
- 12. From what does Ali die?**
 - a. Old age
 - b. Cancer
 - c. A land mine
 - d. A heart attack
- 13. Who attempts to commit suicide by drowning in a bathtub?**
 - a. Sohrab
 - b. Amir
 - c. Hassan
 - d. Soraya

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14. In *The Kite Runner*, what's palliative mean?

- a. Something that eases pain and suffering but doesn't cure it
- b. To be plain spoken
- c. Something that causes pain and suffering
- d. A type of newsprint

15. Which of the following is NOT a major theme in *The Kite Runner*?

- a. Alienation
- b. Betrayal
- c. Feminism
- d. Class issues

16. Which of the following is a major symbol throughout the novel?

- a. Kites
- b. The locket
- c. Kabul
- d. Amir

17. Which of the following is NOT a genre with which the novel is associated?

- a. Historical fiction
- b. Coming of age
- c. Fiction
- d. Romance

18. What does *gha* mean?

- a. Mister; great lord
- b. Fool; idiot
- c. The heart
- d. Tribal chief

19. As father and son, what type of relationship do Hassan and Ali share?

- a. Stressful
- b. Aggressive
- c. Close and loving
- d. Friendly

20. What is a major struggle for Amir?

- a. Making quality friends
- b. Navigating the complex socioeconomic culture he faces
- c. Aunt Martha
- d. Communicating his fears in front of his father

21. What profession does Amir pursue while he is living in the United States?

- a. A writer
- b. A teacher
- c. A doctor
- d. An engineer

22. Where are Hassan and Farzana when they are shot by the Taliban?

- a. The street
- b. Hassan's home
- c. The shop
- d. Amir and Baba's home

23. Why does Amir seek out Sorhab?

- a. He wants Sorhab to come work for him as a servant
- b. He thinks Sorhab stole some of his family's money
- c. He feels guilty for how he handled Hassan's incident with Assef
- d. He wants Sorhab to move into his family's home in Kabul

24. Which of the following is NOT a setting in *The Kite Runner*?

- a. San Francisco
- b. San Diego
- c. Pakistan
- d. Afghanistan

25. What are Amir and Sorhab doing at the conclusion of the novel?

- a. Flying kites
- b. Watching a movie
- c. Building a sandcastle
- d. Sorhab is teaching Amir how to make a slingshot.

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Answers:

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