

Shabanu Test Review

Also make sure to use any old quizzes for review as well!!!

RECALL AND INTERPRET. Write the letter of the best answer.

1. The setting of this novel is
 - a. present-day Pakistan
 - c. ancient Cholistan
 - b. ancient Pakistan
 - d. India

2. For most of the story, the family is preparing for
 - a. Grandfather's death
 - c. Phulan's wedding
 - b. Shabanu's wedding
 - d. the monsoon

3. The sale of Guluband at first teaches Shabanu that
 - a. men aren't to be trusted
 - c. she's too old to enjoy the Sibi fair
 - b. she has a heart
 - d. she, too, can be betrayed and sold

4. Later in the novel, Shabanu identifies with Guluband because
 - a. she is lost
 - c. she is admired and desired by a wealthy politician and landowner
 - b. she is proud
 - d. she feels that she has been betrayed and sold

5. The event that most radically alters the family's plans is
 - a. a sandstorm
 - c. Nazir's decision to give Phulan to the best hunter
 - b. Grandfather's death
 - d. Murad's marriage to Phulan

Check out the SparkNotes Quiz for more review of multiple choice questions related to the book! You can find it at <http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/shabanu/quiz.html> or you can reach it by going to the LINKS on the class webpage!

SHORT ANSWER. Write a short answer (3-5 SENTENCES) for each question below.

6. Who is Mithoo and what is he named for? What happens to him at the end of the novel?

7. Where does the family bury Grandfather? Why?

8. How did Rahim-sahib come to choose Shabanu to be his fourth wife? What did he say to her?

9. What becomes of Hamir's burial place? According to Shabanu, what accounts for this?

10. Does Shabanu believe that Murad and Phulan will be happy? Explain.

ESSAY

Directions: Choose two of the following questions. Answer each of the questions you chose in **one DETAILED paragraph**. Make sure your paragraph includes the following:

- A clear, well-written topic sentence which introduces what your paragraph will explain
- Appropriate specific details which support your topic sentence
- A clear, well-written concluding sentence which ties your paragraph together

Questions:

1. Choose one thing you learned about Bedouin culture through reading Shabanu that is different from your culture. Write a paragraph explaining this aspect of Bedouin culture, including specific examples from the book, and how it compares to a similar situation in your culture.
2. Explain the following quotation from p. 239, “Like Guluband, I have been betrayed and sold. And Mithoo, like me, has lost his greatest gift by wanting to follow his heart.”
3. Phulan and Shabanu have very different personalities and different things are important to each of them. Choose whichever one of these two characters you more closely identify with and describe her personality.
4. Explain the conflict between Dadi and Sharma over Shabanu’s marriage to Rahim. Be sure to include specifics about how each of them feels about the marriage and why.
5. Explain what happened to Hamir and why it happened. Be sure to include Nazir Mohammad in your answer and how the culture affected the events.

Things to keep in mind:

- Make sure you are explaining using specific examples from the book rather than simply retelling events in the plot.
- Make sure that the specific details and examples you choose are those that best support your explanation. There are likely to be many details or examples from the story which relate to your topic. Your challenge is to choose only those which help you to most accurately and thoroughly explain your point.
- If you include quotes from the book in your writing (which I encourage you to do), be sure to provide the page number as well. However, do not just tell me what page the quote is on without actually writing out the quote in your writing. Example: Even though sons are more valued than daughters in Bedouin culture, it is obvious that Mama is happy to have had daughters when she says to Shabanu, “You and Phulan are better than seven sons (p. 3).” ***It is not okay to say: As you can see in the quote on page 3, Mama is happy to have daughters rather than sons. This does not tell me exactly what quote you were referring to.***
- Remember that you are always welcome to bring in rough drafts to show Ms. Frazier and ask for suggestions. Also try to edit your own work.

**** You will have to recreate this paragraph on the test! ****