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Vanquishing the Hungry Chinese Zombie

**Directions: Answer each of the multiple choice questions. You can print this paper, type it on the computer, or write the answers on a separate sheet of paper.**

1.) Which statement expresses a main theme of the story?

- a.) Great friendships can be made under very unusual circumstances.
- b.) It is important to think carefully before trusting unfamiliar people.
- c.) One often has to make sacrifices in order to help one's family members.
- d.) Removing negativity from one's life can be difficult and sometimes scary.

2.) Read this excerpt from paragraph 5.

“My throat tightened, and my heart pumped like festival drums. I wondered if Tong was pulling my leg.”

The author uses the simile in this paragraph to show —

- a.) Liang is physically reacting to Tong's remarks with an elevated heart rate
- b.) Liang is concerned about the pressure in her throat and wonders whether she is ill
- c.) Liang is nervous about Tong being in the store without her parents being present
- d.) Liang was wondering whether Tong's presence at the store was meant to frighten her

3.) In paragraphs 9 and 10, what does Tong's response to Liang's question suggest about him? Select **two** correct answers.

- He knows more than he reveals at first.
- He is curious and has a sarcastic attitude.
- He feels sorry for Liang and for her family.
- He has a great desire to help when help is needed.
- He may have hidden motives for wanting to help Liang.

4.) Read the dictionary entry.

rouse \rouz\ v 1. to awaken or bring out of sleep 2. to startle from inactivity 3. to cause to feel angry or excited 4. to stir, as a liquid

Which definition best matches the meaning of roused as it is used in paragraph 44?

- a.) Definition 1
- b.) Definition 2

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- c.) Definition 3
- d.) Definition 4

5.) Based on Liang's feelings after the zombie is defeated, which word could best be used to replace stammered in paragraph 52 without changing the meaning of the sentence?

- a.) Explained
- b.) Expressed
- c.) Mumbled
- d.) Stuttered

6.) Read this sentence from paragraph 58.

“Bit by bit, hopefully, I could be bright enough to contain Mother's monster, and then maybe we'd be able to help Father with his monster.”

What does the author's use of language in this sentence suggest?

- a.) Liang is wondering if her intelligence will increase with time.
- b.) Liang realizes she has a long way to go to be strong and confident.
- c.) Liang is still uncertain of her ability to be useful to her parents and their shop.
- d.) Liang is confident in her ability to succeed and hopes one day to help her parents.

7.) What details would most likely be included in this passage if it had been written from the third-person rather than the first-person perspective?

- a.) More information would be given about Liang's parents.
- b.) The way Tong felt when he saw the jiang shi would be described.
- c.) The identity of the jiang shi before he died would be described.
- d.) More information would be given about Liang's circle of friends.

8.) Select the **two** details from the story indicating this story is told from the first-person perspective.

- It was the last day of the seventh lunar month, and in Singapore the Hungry Ghost Festival was winding down at last.
- During the seventh month of our lunar calendar, hungry spirits are released from the netherworld to roam and feast every night.
- Tonight, we would pray again; this time, to beseech the spirits to return before the gates of Hell closed.
- According to Tong, the neighborhood hooligan, there was one in our shop that was reluctant to leave.*

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- *Twelve-year-olds aren't supposed to worry about sales and income, but Father's bills weren't cheap, and Mother was barely hanging on to the store.*