

NADIA THE WILLFUL

**Selection Test B/C****Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer. (6 points each)

1. Tarik searches for his son but realizes that Hamed
  - A. stole his horse
  - B. left the country
  - C. joined a caravan
  - D. died in the desert
2. Comparing Tarik and Nadia reveals that both
  - A. want to control the group
  - B. act stubbornly sometimes
  - C. plan all their actions early
  - D. deal with grief the same way
3. Talking about Hamed helps Nadia
  - A. confront her fears
  - B. make new friends
  - C. decide her future
  - D. deal with her grief
4. Which conflict best reveals the story's theme?
  - A. Tarik's fight to locate his son
  - B. Hamed's fight against the desert
  - C. Nadia's fight to express her memories
  - D. the shepherd's fight with the black sheep
5. Tarik's banishing of the shepherd shows that Tarik
  - A. has difficulty dealing with his sadness
  - B. punishes everyone in the same way
  - C. considers every problem separately
  - D. holds little power within the group
6. What does Nadia do that helps end her father's conflict and reveals the story's theme?
  - A. teaches her brothers Hamed's games
  - B. tells stories about Hamed to her father
  - C. discusses Hamed with people in the group
  - D. takes the blame for the shepherd's mistake

## SELECTION TEST B/C, CONTINUED

**Vocabulary**

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word.  
(6 points each)

7. What does graciousness mean?

- A. condition of needing assistance
- B. condition of being pleasant
- C. ability to talk easily
- D. state of being rich

8. To console means to

- A. advise someone to do something
- B. introduce someone to a person
- C. oppose someone's command
- D. ease someone's sorrow

9. What is a clan?

- A. childhood game
- B. rocky area
- C. cluster of trees
- D. family group

10. To banish people means to

- A. send them away
- B. lock them up
- C. teach them
- D. feed them

**Written Response**

**Short Response** Answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the story. Write a sentence or two on a separate sheet of paper. (10 points each)

- 11. Explain two details that show how Tarik changed because of the loss of Hamed.
- 12. Why is the black lamb important to Nadia?

**Extended Response** Answer one of the following questions based on your knowledge of the story. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper.  
(20 points)

- 13. Why does Hamed leave such a strong impression on those who loved him? Support your response with specific details from the story.
- 14. **Challenge** How does the desert affect the lives of the people in the story? Include specific details from the story in your response.