The Prologue Quiz

1. Who did the narrator meet at the Tabbard Inn?

a. He met the King of England

b. He met the Archbishop of Canterbury

c. He met 29 pilgrims

d. He met St. Thomas a Becket

2. Why was everyone at The Tabbard?

a. There was a band of highwaymen on the road and the people were afraid to travel.

b. They were on their way making a pilgrimage to Canterbury.

c. They had come to celebrate the baptism of the King's youngest son.

d. Over half the group had taken ill. They were recuperating at the inn.

3. What were they going to see?

a. They were going to see the relics of the True Cross.

b. They were going to see a special presentation of the Passion play.

c. They were going to see a spring that was supposed to have miraculous healing powers.

d. They were going to see the shrine of St. Thomas a Becket.

4. He was the son of the Knight, in his twenties, agile, strong, and happy-go-lucky.

a. The Plowman

b. The Squire

c. The Reeve

d. The Pardoner

5. He was the Squire's servant. He was a woodsman, a Robin Hood type character.

a. The Host

b. The Shipman

c. The Yeoman

d. The Manciple

6. These people were in the nun's group.

a. One priest and three students

b. Four nuns

c. Two converts, one priest, and one nun

d. One nun and three priests

7. He was bald and fat. He had a preference for fine clothes and luxuries. He didn't like hard work, but

he did like to ride.

a. The Knight

b. The Monk

c. The Squire

d. The Franklin

8. What tradesmen were there?

a. A Minstrel, a Barrel-maker, a Tailor, and a Reeve

b. A Merchant, a Teacher, a Lawyer, a Potter and a Weaver

c. A Haberdasher, a Dyer, a Carpenter, a Weaver, and a Carpet-maker

d. A Clerk, a Carpenter, a Barrel-maker, a Plowman, and a Haberdasher

9. What does the host propose to the pilgrims?

a. He proposes that they memorize Bible verses and recite them to the group each

evening. The host will keep account of the number each pilgrim memorizes. The

pilgrim who memorizes the most will receive a monetary reward from the rest.

b. He proposes that they stop three times each day (morning, noon and evening) for

prayers, and that a different pilgrim will lead the prayers each day.

c. He proposes that they convert people along the way and take them on the pilgrimage.

He convinces the Pardoner to offer special indulgences to the pilgrims who get

converts to join them.

d. He proposes that they each tell two stories on the way to and from their destination.

The winner will get a free meal at the expense of the others. The Host will ride along

and be the judge. Anyone who doesn't abide by his rule will have to pay everyone's

way.

10. . In order to reveal his characters, Chaucer uses all of the following techniques EXCEPT:

a. telling us directly what his characters are like

b. describing how his characters look and dress

c. providing detailed descriptions of the character’s homes

d. presenting the characters words and actions