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1. Tom and his wife are unhappy because they

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| a. | work too much |
| b. | fight about money |
| c. | have no children |
| d. | live in the woods |

2. What is the author satirizing in the following passage? "Tom was a hard-minded fellow, not easily daunted, and he had lived so long with a termagant wife that he did not even fear the devil."

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| a. | the devil |
| b. | Tom |
| c. | relationships |
| d. | fears |

3. Tom begins praying and reading the Bible because he

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| a. | wants to escape the devil |
| b. | feels bad about cheating people |
| c. | finds good friends who love him |
| d. | thinks God can give him more money |

4. The author most likely uses the image of Tom's green spectacles to show that Tom is

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| a. | concerned about the afterlife |
| b. | afraid of the devil's appearance |
| c. | jealous of other people's wives |
| d. | greedy and obsessed with wealth |

5. What does the devil do to Tom at the end of the tale?

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| a. | hides Tom's wealth in the woods |
| b. | encourages Tom's faith in God |
| c. | meets Tom at the church |
| d. | carries Tom away on a horse |

6. What does melancholy mean?

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| a. | lonely |
| b. | gloomy |
| c. | jealous |
| d. | frightening |

7. What is avarice?

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| a. | hunger |
| b. | hatred |
| c. | anger |
| d. | greed |

8. Propitious means

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| a. | delightful |
| b. | adventurous |
| c. | favorable |
| d. | supporting |

9. Ostentations is a

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| a. | wish to have others' things |
| b. | display to impress others |
| c. | refusal to help other people |
| d. | need to show faith to others |

10. A censurer is someone who

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| a. | criticizes harshly |
| b. | prays loudly |
| c. | makes bad deals |
| d. | never shares |

11. What is persecution?

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| a. | the desire to cause other people happiness in order to make yourself feel better |
| b. | the fear that people have of death due to a deal made with the devil |
| c. | the act of treating people badly because of race, religion, gender, or beliefs |
| d. | the remorse that someone feels after making a bad business deal |

12. A is usurer a person who

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| a. | buys things from other people |
| b. | convinces others to follow the devil |
| c. | employs people to help the devil |
| d. | lends money at very high rates |

13. Speculating is

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| a. | entering into risky business deals for quick profit |
| b. | refusing to sell any of your land to someone else |
| c. | engaging in a pact with the devil for profit |
| d. | thinking about past events in your family |

14. What convinces Tom that what the devil has told him in the swamp is true?

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| a. | the disappearance of Tom's wife |
| b. | the discovery of Kidd's treasure |
| c. | Absalom Crowninshield's death |
| d. | Tom's growing business |

15. The narrator describes the devil's face as "begrimed with soot, as if he had been accustomed to toil among fires and forges." Irving most likely chose this imagery because

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| a. | he wanted to contrast Tom and the devil |
| b. | it increases the dark mood of the scene |
| c. | people know this is what the devil looks like |
| d. | his readers can identify with a life of toil |

16. Reread the statement that Tom makes after he finds his wife's apron. What does Tom's comment reveal about him? "'Let us get hold of that property,' said he consolingly to himself, 'and we will endeavor to do without the woman.'"

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| a. | He hopes the apron will give clues about his wife's whereabouts. |
| b. | He worries about his property more than about his wife. |
| c. | He thinks that his wife will come back to him if he finds the apron. |
| d. | He wants the devil to run off with his wife and return his property. |

17. Tom is so successful at working for the devil because Tom

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| a. | is greedier than the devil |
| b. | is the only moneylender in Boston |
| c. | knows a lot about lending money |
| d. | is known for his bargain with the devil |

18. Who is Irving creating a satire of in the following passage from the end of the story? "The good people of Boston shook their heads and shrugged their shoulders, but had been so much accustomed to witches and goblins, and tricks of the devil, in all kinds of shapes, from the first settlement of the colony, that they were not so much horror-struck as might have been expected."

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| a. | people who pretend to be unimpressed |
| b. | bankers who work for the devil with Tom |
| c. | writers who tell stories about the devil's tricks |
| d. | people who pretend to be good but are really bad |

**Choose TWO of the following prompts. Respond below or on a separate sheet.**

A. How does Tom encourage his own destruction? Use two details from the story to support your response.

B. What do the devil's trees in the swamp represent? Use one detail from the story to support your response.

C. Explain one way that Irving shows Tom's pride and stinginess after gaining his wealth.

D. What is Irving warning people about in his story? Use specific details from the story to support your response.

E. Explain how Irving uses color imagery to reveal aspects of his characters in this story. Use specific details from the story to support your response.