Quiz 2

- 1. When the novella opens, how long has it been since Santiago last caught a fish?
- a) 40 days
- b) 84 days
- c) 87 days
- d) 120 days
- 2. Manolin's parents refuse to let the boy fish with the old man because they believe Santiago is salao. How does Hemingway translate this word?
- a) "Crazy"
- b) "Selfish"
- c) "Washed up"
- d) "The worst form of unlucky"
- 3. How does Hemingway describe Santiago's eyes?
- a) They are full of pain
- b) They are blank with defeat
- c) They betray the weariness of his soul
- d) They are the color of the sea
- 4. What kind of reception does Santiago receive at the terrace café?
- a) The fishermen regard him as a hero
- b) Most of the fishermen mock him
- c) The successful fishermen offer him a portion of their day's catch
- d) The younger fishermen pretend that the old man doesn't exist
- e)
- 5. Who is Santiago's hero?
- a) Harry Truman
- b) Joe DiMaggio
- c) Dick Sisler
- d) Fidel Castro
- 6. What hangs on the wall of the old man's shack?
- a) A photograph of his wife
- b) The latest baseball scores
- c) A mounted fish
- d) Pictures
- 7. On the night before he promises Manolin to go "far out" to sea, of what does Santiago dream?
- a) A great storm
- b) A beautiful woman
- c) Lions on the beach
- d) A wrestling match
- 8. Why does Santiago not let his lines drift like the other fishermen?
- a) He is a stubborn man who prefers the old-fashioned way of fishing
- b) He believes it is imprecise, and he strives always to be exact
- c) It is dangerous, as he might become tangled with another boat
- d) He is no longer young or strong enough to control a drifting line

- 9. What kind of fish does Santiago first catch?
- a) A tuna
- b) A marlin
- c) A shrimp
- d) A Portuguese man-of-war
- e)
- 10. How does the old man know immediately the size of the great marlin he has caught?
- a) Soon after taking the bait, the fish jumps into the air, showing itself to the old man
- b) Santiago has encountered this fish before as a younger man
- c) He pulls and pulls on the line and nothing happens
- d) He doesn't know the size of the fish until after the sharks have attacked it
- 11. During his great struggle with the marlin, what does Santiago wish repeatedly?
- a) He wishes he were younger
- b) He wishes for better equipment
- c) He wishes that the fishermen who mocked him earlier were present to witness his victory
- d) He wishes that the boy, Manolin, were with him
- 12. In what year was *The Old Man and the Sea* published?
- a) 1950
- b) 1951
- c) 1952
- d) 1953
- 13. As his first full day of fighting with the fish wears on, what does Santiago begin to think about his adversary?
- a) He praises the fish because it promises to bring a wonderful price at market
- b) He considers that he and the marlin are brothers, joined by the fact that they both entured far out beyond all people and dangers in the water
- c) He detests the fish for its vigor and vitality
- d) He believes the fish is a test of his worth, sent to him by God
- 14. What does the weary warbler that lands on Santiago's fishing line make the old man think of?
- a) The probability that he, like the bird, will never make it back to land
- b) The predatory hawks that await the bird's arrival near land
- c) The hidden strength of the weak
- d) The beauty of the natural world
- 15. What happens to make Santiago curse the treachery of his own body?
- a) He gets seasick
- b) He has diarrhea
- c) His hand cramps
- d) He needs to sleep

- 16. In order to help himself catch the fish, what does Santiago do?
- a) He promises to pay more attention to Manolin upon his return
- b) He decides to recite ten Hail Marys and ten Our Fathers
- c) He lightens the boat by throwing all unnecessary weight overboard
- d) He ties the skiff to a buoy so that the fish cannot pull it farther out to sea
- 17. The great Joe DiMaggio suffers from what affliction?
- a) A bone spur
- b) Alcoholism
- c) A ruined knee
- d) Failing eyesight
- 18. To give himself confidence, Santiago remembers his contest with "the great negro of Cienfuegos." At what sport did the old man beat this challenger?
- a) Fencing
- b) Tennis
- c) Arm wrestling
- d) Boxing
- 19. Why does the thought of selling the fish's meat disappoint the old man?
- a) He knows people will cook the marlin, but it is best eaten raw
- b) Market prices are low, and Santiago will get only a fraction of what the fish is worth
- c) Because marlin has an unpleasant taste, Santiago wishes he caught something that made for better eating, like a shark
- d) The people who will eat the meat are unworthy
- 20. What does the old man remove and eat from the belly of a dolphin?
- a) Shrimp
- b) Flying fish
- c) Seaweed
- d) Piranha
- 21. How does Santiago finally kill the marlin?
- a) He harpoons it through the heart
- b) He stabs it between the eyes
- c) He lashes it to the inside of the boat
- d) He bashes its head with his club
- 22. How long does it take for the sharks to arrive and attack the marlin?
- a) Ten minutes
- b) One hour
- c) Six hours
- d) A full day
- 23. After the shark attack, Santiago reflects that destruction is inevitable. How does he articulate this philosophy?
- a) The world is such an inhospitable place that no death should be mourned
- b) Out, out, brief candle!
- c) Even the worthiest opponents must fall
- d) Everything in the world kills everything else in some way

- 24. What happens upon the old man's return to his fishing village?
- a) Manolin promises to sail with him
- b) The fishermen mock Santiago for the folly of sailing out so far
- c) Tourists ask the old man to recount his adventures
- d) A statue is erected in his honor
- 25. The old man remembers that once, when he killed a female marlin, the male marlin
- a) Bit the tail off the female
- b) Returned with a posse of marlins seeking revenge
- c) Made a sound like there were nails being driven through his fins
- d) Swam alongside the boat as though in mourning