The Old Man and the Sea Quiz 1

1. Where does the story take place?
   a) Marshall Island
   b) Puerto Rico
   c) Cuba
   d) Canary Islands

2. When the novel opens, how many days had it been since Santiago last caught a fish?
   a) 3
   b) 48
   c) 77
   d) 84

3. Hemingway says everything about Santiago is old except what?
   a) his neck
   b) his eyes
   c) his hands
   d) his mouth

4. Why does Manolin no longer fish with Santiago?
   a) he dislikes Santiago
   b) Santiago no longer needs him
   c) Manolin has left for the city
   d) his parents have told him to fish with others

5. Which of the following never hung on Santiago's wall?
   a) picture of Sacred heart of Jesus
   b) picture of Fidel Castro
   c) picture of the Virgin of Cobre
   d) tinted photograph of his wife

6. Who is Santiago's favorite baseball player?
   a) Jackie Robinson
   b) Joe DiMaggio
   c) Babe Ruth
   d) Lou Gehrig

7. In what month does the story take place?
   a) September
   b) October
   c) May
   d) July

8. Of what did Santiago always dream?
   a) Lions
   b) Manolin
   c) His wife
   d) Fish

9. Where is Santiago originally from?
10. What does Santiago call the sea?
   a) la mar
   b) salao
   c) el mar
   d) dorado

11. What did Manolin give Santiago two of before he left?
   a) shoes
   b) hooks
   c) water bottles
   d) sardines

12. What does Santiago refer to as aqua mala, the whore?
   a) an eel
   b) Portuguese man-of-war
   c) the sea
   d) A dolphin

13. In his youth, on what kind of ship did he work?
   a) sailing
   b) fishing
   c) trading
   d) turtling

14. Fisherman called all fish what?
   a) pescado
   b) mackerel
   c) sardines
   d) tuna

15. How deep was the line on which the marlin bit?
   a) 100 fathoms
   b) 200 fathoms
   c) 300 fathoms
   d) 400 fathoms

16. Santiago thought the light of what city would guide him home?
   a) Havana
   b) San Juan
   c) Cardenas
   d) Bautista

17. Why does Santiago hope the marlin will jump?
   a) it will let him see its size
   b) it will be close enough to drive a harpoon into
   c) it will fill its air sacks and not be able to dive deep
d) it will see his strength and become frightened

18. What humiliating thing happens to Santiago's left hand while he is tracking the marlin?
   a) it is badly cut
   b) it cramps
   c) sensation in it dies
   d) it is stung by a Portuguese man-of-war

19. What does Santiago see that makes him realize "no man was ever alone on the sea"?
   a) porpoises
   b) another boat
   c) the stars
   d) a flock of ducks

20. How many feet longer than Santiago's skiff is the marlin?
   a) 2
   b) 5
   c) 10
   d) 15

21. What injury does Joe DiMaggio have that Santiago obsesses about?
   a) tendonitis
   b) pulled hamstring
   c) broken finger
   d) bone spur

22. Where was the great "Negro" from against whom Santiago arm-wrestled in his youth?
   a) Ghana
   b) Cienfuegos
   c) Havana
   d) Cardenas

23. How long did Santiago's arm-wrestling match last?
   a) 3 days
   b) all day
   c) all night
   d) all day and all night

24. What was Santiago called after his arm-wrestling match?
   a) St. Santiago
   b) The Champion
   c) The Great Santiago
   d) The Rock

25. What does Santiago do to increase drag on the boat?
   a) drops anchor
   b) ties two oars together across the stern
   c) lowers his legs into the water
   d) paddles the opposite way