Pretest for English Composition II

Student Name: _____

ircle the correct answer.

1. What is the term for a writer who brings to light concerns over power, politics, and agency to draw awareness to problems?
   a. Local Colorist
   b. Literary Critic
   c. Historical Analyst
   d. Social Critic
2. In "Desiree's Baby," Kate Chopin took a critical review of what issue?
   a. Slavery
   b. The Holocaust
   c. World War I
   d. Single parents
3. In "Terrible Things," anthropomorphism is used to tell what the story of what?
   a. The birth of America
   b. Slavery
   c. The Holocaust
   d. World War I
4. *All Systems Red* focuses on what?
   a. The history of technology
   b. The humanity of a robot
   c. The dangers of a segregated society
   d. The theme of control
5. *Murder on the Orient Express* emphasizes what?
   a. The racism that existed in the early-20th century
   b. The dangers of a female traveling alone by train in a foreign country
   c. The beginning of the technological era in the U.S.
   d. The repercussions of the tragic loss of a child
6. Which of the following is the correct punctuation for a quotation within a quotation?
   a. "The woman bowed her turbaned head majestically, "Mais si, Madame.""
   b. "The woman bowed her turbaned head majestically, 'Mais si, Madame.'"
   c. 'The woman bowed her turbaned head majestically, "Mais si, Madame."'
   d. "The woman bowed her turbaned head majestically, 'Mais si, Madame.'"
7. Which of the following uses the correct verb for a literary analysis essay?
   a. Roth portrays Beatrice as a weak character before developing her into the strong female character as Tris.
   b. Roth portrayed Beatrice as a weak character before developing her into a strong female character as Tris.
   c. Beatrice is portrayed as a weak character and then developed into a strong female character as Tris.
   d. The portrayal of Beatrice as a weak character before developing her into the strong female character as Tris.
8. Which of the following statements is the BEST written for a literary analysis paper?
   a. I think Mathilde is very vain.
   b. Mathilde might be vain.
   c. Mathilde is vain.
   d. I believe Mathilde is vain.

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9. According to MLA 8, which of the following is the MOST preferred in-text citation for a printed book in an essay where multiple books are cited?
   a. In the story, Richard Bach writes, "For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating" (Bach 4).
   b. Johnathan Livingston Seagull says, "For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating" (4).
   c. "For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating," writes Richard Bach (Bach 4).
   d. In the story, Richard Bach writes, "For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating" (4).
10. As a general rule of thumb, when a quotation is longer than _____ lines, the quote should use formatting for a block quotation.
   a. Three
   b. Four
   c. Five
   d. Six