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Little House on the Prairie
Multiple Choice  Final A

- Name the members of the Ingalls family. (choose 5)
 - Eliza Jane
 - Ma
 - Carrie
 - Pa
 - Almanzo
 - Laura
 - Mary
- Where are the Ingalls family going?
 - Gold Country
 - California
 - Oregon
 - Indian Country
- When do they need to cross the Mississippi River?
 - before winter
 - after the first snow
 - before the ice breaks
 - after spring thaw
- Almost everything from the little house fit in the wagon. What did they have to leave behind? (Choose 2)
 - lamps and sofa
 - clothing racks
 - washer and dryer
 - beds
 - tables and chairs
- Fill in the Blank:** Pa hung his _____ to the wagon bows inside the canvas top.
 - gun
 - bow and arrow
 - suspenders
 - lantern

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6. The town of Pepin looked empty. Who were the only ones the Ingalls family saw?
- a) two or three men
 - b) little children
 - c) Grandma and Grandpa
 - d) one small family
7. **Fill in the Blank:** Even though Laura was scared, she felt safe. "Nothing could hurt her while _____ and _____ were there."
- a) Mary, Carrie
 - b) Ma, Jack
 - c) Pa, Jack
 - d) Ma, Pa
8. Pa said, "How do you like that, little half-pint of sweet cider half drunk up?" Who is "little half-pint of sweet cider half drunk up"?
- a) Baby Carrie
 - b) Laura
 - c) Mary
 - d) Ma
9. In which state did they cross the Mississippi?
- a) Minnesota
 - b) Kansas
 - c) Wisconsin
 - d) Illinois
10. How did they cross the Missouri River?
- a) drove the wagon onto a ferry
 - b) horses swam and pulled the wagon
 - c) walked across the frozen ice
 - d) drove the wagon onto a raft
11. When the wagon got stuck in the mud, how did Pa get it out?
- a) wait for days until the mud dried
 - b) used grass to gain traction
 - c) asked some local men to help him
 - d) tied on extra horses to pull harder

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12. What did Mary and Laura name the ponies?
- a) Pet and Patty
 - b) Freckles and Thunder
 - c) Fury and Trigger
 - d) Oscar and Ernie
13. Which state did they **NOT** see on the way from the Big Woods of Wisconsin to Kansas?
- a) Minnesota
 - b) Missouri
 - c) Iowa
 - d) Illinois
14. **Fill in the Blank:** When they reached the high-water of the creek, Pa said he could tell it was a _____ because of the wheel ruts.
- a) ford
 - b) bridge
 - c) dead end
 - d) ferry
15. What did Ma tell the girls to do when the wagon balanced on the water?
- a) lie down
 - b) climb out of the wagon
 - c) climb on the wagon seat
 - d) start swimming
16. Why did Pa give the Pet and Patty's reins to Ma?
- a) Ma wanted a turn driving
 - b) Pa was too scared
 - c) Pa went to help the girls
 - d) Pa jumped in the creek
17. Who had they forgotten on the other side of the creek?
- a) Carrie
 - b) Mary
 - c) Ma
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18. Once they reached the prairie, what was the only thing they could see for miles?

- a) big city buildings
- b) miles and miles of roads
- c) horses and cows
- d) tall wild grass

19. A Why did Pa remove all the grass from the area before building a fire?

- a) he didn't want Pet and Patty getting too close
- b) he wanted to make the beds close to the fire
- c) a prairie fire could destroy the whole country

20. What is **NOT** a reason that Pa thought they might stay here?

- a) plenty of game
- b) timber in the bottoms
- c) good land
- d) plenty of neighbors

21. Everyone was very excited that Jack was back except Ma. Why was Ma upset?

- a) they had woken up Baby Carrie
- b) Jack got the children all dirty
- c) Jack was injured
- d) Ma had been asleep

22. Laura was not allowed to feed Jack while she ate. What did she do instead?

- a) let Mary feed him
- b) saved bits for him
- c) set her plate on the ground
- d) sat on the wagon where Jack could not reach

23. Ma washed the sheets, pillowcases, and clothes in the tub. How did she dry them?

- a) spread them over the top of the wagon
- b) shook them in the breeze
- c) hung them on the line
- d) spread them on the grass in the sun

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24. How did Pa know that the Indians would not be here for long?

- a) The Indians had told him that they were leaving the area.
- b) He knew that the Indians often moved from place to place.
- c) He knew the army was coming to watch over the new settlements.
- d) A man from Washington told him that the Indian Territory would be open to settlement.

25. What did Ma lay the clothes on to iron them with the heated sadiron?

- a) wagon bed
- b) wagon seat
- c) the new table
- d) flat ground

26. **Fill in the Blank:** As Pa was playing the fiddle, Laura was sure that part of the music came from _____.

- a) the horses
- b) the wolves
- c) the Indian camp
- d) the stars

27. Why did Pa stop the wagon?

- a) this was where they would build a house
- b) Ma told him that the girls were ill and needed to rest
- c) Patty and Pet needed a rest
- d) to help an injured animal

28. What did Pa do after he unloaded the wagon and put the wagon cover over the top of the pile?

- a) used the wagon and canvas to make a tent
- b) unhitched Patty and Pet
- c) gave Ma a present
- d) took off the wagon-box

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29. Why did Pa make two separate piles of logs?

- a) one for a barn and one for fences
- b) one for the house and one to sell
- c) one for the Ingalls and one for Mr. Edwards
- d) one for the house and one for the stable

30. What happened when the heavy log started sliding?

- a) Pa couldn't stop it and it landed on Ma's foot when it crashed to the ground
- b) Pa got caught underneath and broke his leg
- c) Pa couldn't stop it and Mary and Laura were trapped underneath
- d) Pa caught it and kept it from crashing to the ground

31. After Ma was injured, what did Pa build to help them lift the logs onto the wall?

- a) a pulley system
- b) ladders
- c) flat skids
- d) stone steps

32. **Fill in the Blank:** This new neighbor told Laura that he was a _____ from _____.

- a) Ranger, Texas
- b) wildcat, Tennessee
- c) husky wolf, Kentucky
- d) lawman, Montana

33. After finding someone to help him, how long did it take Pa to get the walls as high as he wanted them?

- a) three days
- b) one day
- c) a week
- d) two hours

34. Who sang for Mr. Edwards as he returned home after they finished the house?

- a) Pa and Carrie
- b) Laura and Mary
- c) Pa and Laura
- d) Ma and Mary

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35. Why did Pa want them to move into the house quickly?

- a) he hear wolves from every direction
- b) he was tired of sleeping on the ground
- c) Winter was coming
- d) Indians were camped near by

36. What did Pa stretch over the top of the skeleton roof of the house?

- a) the canvas wagon-top
- b) animal hides
- c) tree branches full of leaves
- d) the rest of the logs

37. What does Ma want Pa to make when their house, Mr. Edward's house, and the stable were finished?

- a) a beautiful garden bench
- b) shelves for all of her books
- c) a clothes-line
- d) a new wash tub

38. Independence was the nearest town with a post office. How far away was it?

- a) 40 miles
- b) 100 miles
- c) 75 miles
- d) 10 miles

39. How long did it take Pa and Mr. Edwards to build the whole stable, roof and all?

- a) one week
- b) three days
- c) one day
- d) two hours

40. What did Laura find when Pa removed the posts from the door of the stable one morning?

- a) a wolf
- b) the horses were gone
- c) a long-legged, long-eared colt
- d) a raccoon

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41. Pa rode out on Sunday to see what he could see. Why did Pa ride Patty so hard on the way back?
- a) a snake had scared Patty
 - b) he thought the Indians had seen him
 - c) Patty was running from the wolves
 - d) a grizzly bear was chasing him
42. Pa found a family with five children camped in the creek bottoms. What was wrong with them?
- a) they ran out of supplies
 - b) the father had broken his leg
 - c) they were sick with fever 'n' ague
 - d) their wagon broken and needed repairs
43. When Pa coaxed Laura to come to the window in the middle of the night, what did she see right outside?
- a) a prairie fire coming their way
 - b) Mr. & Mrs. Scott sitting by the campfire
 - c) Mr. Edwards riding in on a donkey
 - d) a half-circle of wolves sitting and watching the house
44. What did Pa use instead of nails?
- a) animal bones
 - b) wooden pegs
 - c) barbed wire
 - d) string

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