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**Little House in the Big Woods**  
**Multiple Choice  Final, Part A**

1. What was the purpose of the crooked rail fence all around the house?
  - a) Ma always wanted a rail fence
  - b) to keep the children inside
  - c) keep the bears and the deer away
  - d) to keep Jack from running away.
  
2. Why did Pa have difficulty finding wild game in the bitter cold winter?
  - a) he had already found all the large game during the fall
  - b) he was not able to go hunting
  - c) the animals were hibernating
  - d) his traps were broken
  
3. After Pa and Uncle Henry butchered the hog, what did Pa blow up to make a little white balloon?
  - a) the hog's bladder
  - b) the hog's lungs
  - c) the hog's stomach
  
4. What did Mary and Laura take turns holding over the hot coals?
  - a) pig's tail
  - b) pork liver
  - c) pig's leg
  - d) pork chops
  
5. Which parts of the house were "bursting with good food" after Butchering Time was over? (Choose 4)
  - a) closets
  - b) attic
  - c) kitchen
  - d) parlor
  - e) cellar
  - f) pantry
  - g) shed

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6. What did Pa do while he greased the traps?
- a) tell Ma where he was going tomorrow
  - b) play his fiddle
  - c) tell jokes and stories traps
  - d) make Mary and Laura hold the traps
7. What did Laura think was the "Best time of all"?
- a) when Ma started baking
  - b) when Pa told stories
  - c) when Ma sent the girls to bed
  - d) when Pa played the fiddle
8. Why did Mary wipe more dishes than her sister Laura?
- a) Laura broke too many
  - b) Mary was bigger
  - c) Laura refused to help
  - d) Laura bribed her
9. What did each girl have on Saturdays when Ma made the bread?
- a) plenty of free time
  - b) a little piece of dough
  - c) extra chores
  - d) a large muffin
10. **Fill in the Blank:** "Pa and Ma and Mary and Laura and Baby Carrie were \_\_\_\_\_ and happy there, especially at night."
- a) comfortable
  - b) chilly
  - c) miserable
  - d) tired
11. According to Pa, how does a panther scream?
- a) like a woman
  - b) like a man
  - c) like a baby
  - d) like a little Laura
12. Where did the panther land when Grandpa slammed the door behind him?
- a) on the roof
  - b) on all four legs
  - c) through the window
  - d) on the horse's back

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13. What did Grandpa promise never to go into the Big Woods without?
- a) an ax
  - b) his horse
  - c) his gun
  - d) Grandma
14. What did Pa do every evening as he told stories?
- a) whittle
  - b) repair his gun
  - c) make bullets
  - d) cut wood
15. Why did Pa need to clean his gun in the evening?
- a) it might be damp from the snowy woods
  - b) it was old and did not always fire correctly
  - c) Laura had been playing with it
  - d) he dropped it in the lake
16. What did Pa do before he replaced the gun on its hooks over the door?
- a) dust it off
  - b) show Ma how to fire
  - c) load it
  - d) tell the girls never to touch it
17. What had happened to Pa as he ran through the woods towards home?
- a) his little toe had been broken
  - b) he had lost his shoes
  - c) he had cut his foot
  - d) his big-toe nail had been torn off
18. What was Grandpa's response to Pa's scare in the woods?
- a) he locked Pa outside
  - b) he was upset that the cows were lost
  - c) Pa should have obeyed
  - d) Pa should have been brave
19. What was Pa carving in the evenings before Christmas?
- a) a mantle piece
  - b) a beautiful horse
  - c) a wooden shelf
  - d) a new table

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20. What did Ma make so that Mary and Laura could pour it into pans of snow to make candy?

- a) fudge
- b) cream and sugar
- c) maple syrup
- d) boiled molasses and sugar

21. Who came to visit and spend Christmas with Laura's family?

- a) Uncle Peter, Aunt Eliza, Peter, Alice, & Ella
- b) Aunt Docia and Aunt Ruby
- c) Grandma and Grandpa
- d) Uncle Henry, Aunt Polly, & Charley

22. Where did the families find enough covers for everyone?

- a) Ma had made plenty of extras
- b) Pa purchased new ones in town
- c) they borrowed Grandma's quilts
- d) they brought in the buffalo robes from the sled

23. Why couldn't Aunt Eliza have shot Prince when he started acting very mean?

- a) she didn't know how
- b) she had ran out of bullets
- c) Alice had hidden the gun
- d) Uncle Peter had the gun

24. Why didn't Santa bring presents for the adults?

- a) Pa had asked him not to
- b) grownups give each other presents
- c) they had misbehaved
- d) they forgot to leave Santa cookies

25. The winter lasted so long that Mary and Laura were tired of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) playing in the snow
- b) staying in the house
- c) helping Ma with the chores
- d) sledding down the hill

26. Why was Laura always the first to take a bath?

- a) she was always in trouble
- b) she was the littlest
- c) Mary always hid
- d) she was the dirtiest

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27. What was the name of the big green book that Pa read from on winter evenings?

- a) *Little Women*
- b) *The Wonders of the Animal World*
- c) *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
- d) *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

28. When did the Sunday begin when Grandpa was a boy?

- a) on Wednesday morning
- b) on Tuesday evening
- c) on Sunday morning
- d) on Saturday night

29. Which is **NOT** a reason that the boys had to tiptoe out the door?

- a) they didn't want to wake up their father
- b) they were not supposed to be leaving
- c) their mother has asked them to be quiet
- d) Sunday was a day for being quiet and solemn

30. What did the boys sneak out of the house to do?

- a) tell Ma where he was going tomorrow
- b) go for a horseback ride
- c) to play baseball
- d) to play with the animals

31. What walked out in front of their sled?

- a) big brown bear
- b) large black pig
- c) the family bull
- d) a family of kittens

32. What sound woke up the boys' father?

- a) Squee-ee-ee-ee-ee!
- b) Hurray!
- c) Moo-oo-oo-oo!
- d) Bang!

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33. Why did Laura need a spanking?

- a) she forgot to do her chores
- b) it was her birthday and she would not grow properly without one
- c) she had misbehaved on Sunday
- d) she said, "I hate Sundays!"

34. How did Pa make the **POP** sound in "Pop Goes the Weasel?"

- a) Laura clapped her hands
- b) Pa's finger on the string
- c) Mary snapped her fingers
- d) Carrie banged on a pan

35. Why did Pa need to go to town?

- a) to purchase a surprise for Ma
- b) to trade the furs of the animals he had trapped
- c) he needed to return some equipment he had borrowed
- d) to sell some of the excess bear meat

36. How big was the bundle of furs that Pa had packed?

- a) as big as Mary
- b) as big as Pa
- c) as big as Grandpa
- d) as big as Ma

37. What was Laura's job while helping Ma with the milking?

- a) holding the lantern
- b) petting the cow
- c) feeding the cow some hay
- d) watching Baby Carrie in the house

38. What did Laura notice as being different about the cow by the gate? (Choose 2)

- a) large brown ears
- b) large heavy antlers
- c) long shaggy black fur
- d) little glittering eyes

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