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Farmer Boy
Multiple Choice  Final, Part A

1. Where had the children's clothing come from?
 - a) bought at the store in New York City
 - b) made from cotton grown in their father's fields
 - c) made from wool from their father's sheep
 - d) made from deerskin

2. How far did Almanzo and his siblings have to walk to school each morning?
 - a) 1 and 1/2 miles through the riverbed
 - b) 2 and 1/2 miles
 - c) 1 and 1/2 miles
 - d) 5 and 1/2 miles up a hill

3. What was the teacher like?
 - a) mean and stingy
 - b) kind and studious
 - c) gentle and patient
 - d) abusive and stern

4. The Wilder children lived on a large farm in northern New York. How many barns did they have on their farm?
 - a) four
 - b) five
 - c) one
 - d) three

5. Why wouldn't Almanzo's father allow him to handle the young horses or colts?
 - a) Almanzo was mean to them
 - b) Father didn't trust him yet
 - c) Almanzo was too small
 - d) Royal was in charge of them

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18. **Fill in the Blank:** Almanzo is still disappointed that his father will not allow him to break a colt. His father says, "It's a _____ job, son."

- a) woman's
- b) father's
- c) difficult
- d) man's

19. After lunch, Almanzo discovers another present from his parents. What is it?

- a) a new sled
- b) a pony
- c) another calf-yoke
- d) ice cream

20. Where is Mr. Wilder's workroom?

- a) in the South Barn
- b) in the cellar
- c) in the attic
- d) in the woodshed

21. What was Mrs. Wilder doing on Almanzo's birthday?

- a) washing clothes at the river
- b) cooking a special dinner for him
- c) weaving cloth on the loom
- d) spring cleaning

22. How was Mrs. Wilder making gray cloth on the loom?

- a) dying the white wool gray
- b) bleaching the black wool gray
- c) using wool from a gray sheep
- d) weaving black wool with white wool

23. How did Almanzo water the horses?

- a) warmed water on the stove
- b) carried water from the river
- c) took the horses to the river
- d) pumped water into the trough

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24. What were the names of the two men that sometimes worked for Mr. Wilder? (choose 2)

- a) Lazy John
- b) Pierre
- c) French Joe
- d) Mr. Corse

25. How thick was the ice on the pond?

- a) 15 inches
- b) 50 inches
- c) 20 inches
- d) 10 inches

26. What happened to Almanzo at the pond?

- a) he enjoyed skating on the ice
- b) he fell into the cold water
- c) he was hit in the head by a block of ice
- d) the ice cracked under his feet

27. **Fill in the blank:** The ice house looked like a big _____ built high off the ground on blocks.

- a) cage
- b) hayloft
- c) cellar
- d) shed

28. What is Almanzo's all-time favorite food? He was very excited that Mother had fixed it for dinner after their busy time in the ice-house.

- a) fried apples'n'onions
- b) headcheese
- c) baked beans
- d) spareribs

29. What was special (or horrible, as Almanzo thought) about Saturday?

- a) cleaning night
- b) cooking lessons
- c) bath night
- d) homework night

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30. How did the Wilder family keep from freezing while taking their baths?

- a) they put the tub on the floor in front of the stove
- b) they used boiling water
- c) they piled on lots of blankets
- d) they used a big bonfire

31. Why did Almanzo hurry through his bath?

- a) Eliza Jane was waiting on him
- b) his back was hot, while his front was cold
- c) he still had chores to do
- d) his front was hot while his back was cold

32. What is **NOT** something that Almanzo wore to bed?

- a) cap
- b) night-shirt
- c) socks
- d) trousers

33. What was different about the Wilders' Sunday clothes?

- a) were all black and white patterns
- b) bought in New York
- c) bought from a catalog
- d) made of store-bought cloth

34. Why did Almanzo and Royal have trouble getting into the sleigh?

- a) there were too many people
- b) the girls' hoopskirts were too big
- c) Mother asked them to carry extra blankets
- d) they were wet from playing in the snow

35. How far away from the Wilder farm was Malone?

- a) 5 miles
- b) 15 miles
- c) 10 miles
- d) 2 miles

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36. What were church sheds?

- a) sheds to stable animals that are rented to the church by the local businesses
- b) sheds that are used for churches in small communities
- c) rented sheds used by churchgoers to stable their animals
- d) sheds built by the church and rented to townfolks to raise money

37. What did Almanzo's Uncle Wesley do?

- a) he was a banker
- b) he was a storekeeper
- c) help Mr. Wilder run the family farm
- d) owned and operated the potato-starch mill

38. According to Almanzo, what was Sunday for? (choose 2 answers)

- a) working
- b) sitting still
- c) going to church
- d) playing

39. Father showed Almanzo how to braid moosewood boughs. What was he making?

- a) a strap to use on the threshing floor
- b) a whip to use with the calves
- c) a belt for his Sunday suit
- d) reins to hitch up his calves

40. What does "Haw" mean?

- a) start forward
- b) turn left
- c) to stop
- d) turn right

41. What does "Gee" mean?

- a) to stop
- b) turn right
- c) start forward
- d) turn left

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42. What did Almanzo do when Pierre and Louis came over to play?

- a) he let Pierre and Louis work with Star and Bright
- b) he hitched the horses up to Father's big bobsled
- c) he hitched his calves up to his birthday sled
- d) he hitched his calves up to Father's big bobsled

43. What happened when all three boys climbed on the bobsled?

- a) Pierre was hit by a tree branch along the way
- b) the calves began running and the sled turned over
- c) Louis fell off into a snow drift
- d) the sled was too heavy for the calves to pull

44. What did Almanzo find under the snow on the south slopes?

- a) delicious pecans
- b) a bucket of sap
- c) a baby bird
- d) wintergreen berries

45. What did Mother add to the bottle of wintergreen leaves that Almanzo had brought home?

- a) maple syrup
- b) milk
- c) water
- d) whiskey

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