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Farmer Boy
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1. How much money did Father earn for the potatoes that he sold?
 - a) 100 dollars
 - b) 500 dollars
 - c) 1000 dollars
 - d) 5 dollars

2. Why were Royal and Almanzo going through the vegetable-bins?
 - a) checking to make sure they had found all of the potatoes
 - b) finding vegetables for Mother's stew
 - c) looking for more wintergreen berries
 - d) sorting out the spoiled ones

3. How did Mother call the men from the field in to dinner?
 - a) big tin dinner-horn
 - b) a metal triangle and drumstick
 - c) she sent the girls to fetch them
 - d) she carried dinner to them

4. How can you tell if a horseman is a "good horseman"?
 - a) he always cares for his horses before he eats or rests
 - b) he talks to his horses
 - c) he takes care of his own health before his horses
 - d) he feeds his horses good grain

5. In Father's story, what happened to the field that the lazy boy sowed quickly so that he could go swimming?
 - a) an abundant crop
 - b) seeds blew away
 - c) nothing grew
 - d) weeds took the field

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6. Why doesn't Alice want to be a boy?
- a) boys can't wear ribbons
 - b) boys have to wear pants
 - c) boys can't learn to cook
 - d) boys have too many chores
7. Who had made all of the things that the tin-peddler was selling?
- a) Nick, the tin peddler's wife
 - b) people Mr. Brown met on his journeys riverbed
 - c) a factory in New York City
 - d) Nick, the tin-peddler
8. According to Almanzo, what is the most beautiful and fascinating things in the world?
- a) sheep
 - b) puppies
 - c) oxen
 - d) horses
9. **Fill in the Blank:** Father told the horse-buyer that his horses were so gentle, that a _____ could drive them.
- a) kitten
 - b) child
 - c) dummy
 - d) lady
10. **Fill in the Blank:** Father ask for \$225 for each horse, but Almanzo knew that he really wanted _____ each.
- a) \$200
 - b) \$150
 - c) \$250
 - d) \$300
11. What did Royal find prowling around outside?
- a) a burglar
 - b) Almanzo playing a joke on him
 - c) a stray dog
 - d) the horse-buyer

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12. How did John end up sitting in the river with water over his head?
- a) a sheep butted him
 - b) he jumped in
 - c) he fell down the bank
 - d) Almanzo pushed him
13. What did Father and Lazy John use to cut the wool off the sheep?
- a) a large razor
 - b) a hand saw
 - c) mother's sewing scissors
 - d) long shears
14. What did Almanzo hide in the loft?
- a) a sheared sheep
 - b) the kittens
 - c) the stray dog
 - d) an unsheared sheep
15. Mother still dyed her own wool, but she did not need to card it anymore. Why not?
- a) father told her not to
 - b) a machine did it for her
 - c) the boys did it for her
 - d) the girls did it for her
16. Why didn't Almanzo hurry though the garden work?
- a) when he was finished, he would have to go back to school
 - b) he wanted to make sure everything was done right
 - c) his mother watched him to make sure he was working hard
 - d) when he was finished, he would have to clean out the stalls
17. Almanzo had to take a bath, even though it was not Saturday, because they were going to a celebration. What was the celebration for?
- a) his parents wedding anniversary
 - b) his grandfather's birthday
 - c) Malone's Settler's Day
 - d) Independence Day

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18. What did Almanzo see in the corner of the square?
- a) two beautiful horses
 - b) two brass cannons
 - c) an army of soldiers
 - d) an enormous pumpkin
19. "The Square was not really square." What caused it to be three-cornered?
- a) the bank
 - b) the bandstand
 - c) the railroad
 - d) the river
20. After the minister prayed, and the men and boys removed their hats, the band started playing and everyone joined in to sing. What song were they singing?
- a) God Bless America
 - b) The Battle Hymn of the Republic
 - c) The Star-Spangled Banner
 - d) America
21. What did the Congressman read aloud?
- a) Declaration of Independence
 - b) a passage from the Bible
 - c) Gettysburg Address
 - d) Constitution of the United States of America
22. What did Almanzo decide to buy?
- a) a piece of pie
 - b) a new hat
 - c) a glass of lemonade
 - d) a baby pig
23. That summer, Almanzo was getting ready for the County Fair. What did he have to do every morning?
- a) feed his pumpkin
 - b) water the garden
 - c) hoe the potatoes
 - d) train his oxen

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24. Why did Almanzo keep his little pig in the shade?

- a) the sun would damage the pig's skin
- b) pigs do not like sunshine
- c) young pigs grow best in the shade
- d) so she would not grow as fast

25. Beauty had a pretty little colt with a white star on his forehead. What did Almanzo name him?

- a) Starbright
- b) Starlight
- c) Sunlight
- d) Beautiful Star

26. What did it mean when they woke up to rain pounding on the roof?

- a) they had to plow the fields again
- b) they had bring all of the animals into the barns
- c) they could go fishing
- d) Mother would do the wash that day

27. What did Almanzo meet behind a cedar tree?

- a) a black bear
- b) a turkey
- c) a swarm of bees
- d) Cousin Frank

28. What is **NOT** something that Mother made from all the berries they had picked?

- a) cakes and cookies
- b) jellies and jams
- c) pies and puddings
- d) preserves

29. Father and Mother decided they needed a vacation. Where were they going to spend the week?

- a) on the seashore
- b) at Uncle Andrew's
- c) at Lake Chateaugay
- d) in New York City

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30. What is **NOT** an ingredient that the children used to make ice-cream?

- a) milk
- b) flour
- c) egg-whites
- d) ice

31. **Fill in the Blank:** Almanzo wanted to go and get _____ to eat up the watermelon rinds.

- a) the barnyard cats
- b) Lucy, the pig
- c) Starlight, the colt
- d) Star and Bright, the oxen

32. What was wrong with Lucy the next morning?

- a) Eliza Jane saw the mess that Lucy had made in the front yard
- b) she had gotten tangled up in watermelon vines
- c) she had a tummy ache from eating too much
- d) she couldn't eat or drink because her teeth were stuck together with candy

33. **Fill in the Blank:** Alice and Almanzo decided to sit _____ even though Eliza Jane told them that they should not.

- a) with the horses
- b) by the pond
- c) at the kitchen table
- d) in the parlor

34. When Eliza Jane reminded the children that Mother and Father would be home tomorrow, the children were upset. Select the things that the children still needed to do before their parents returned. (Choose 5)

- a) pick the peas and beans
- b) weed the garden
- c) fix the fence
- d) churn the butter
- e) whitewashed the henhouse
- f) fed the colts
- g) clean the house
- h) pick the apples

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35. What did Almanzo do that stained the parlor wall?

- a) tossed the can of polish at Alice
- b) drew a picture of the colts on the wall
- c) started a fire in the woodstove with the flue closed
- d) threw the blackening-brush at Eliza Jane's head

36. Almanzo was very worried when Mother showed Mr. & Mrs. Webb into the parlor. He was sure he would be in trouble now. What was the surprise that waited for him there?

- a) Royal had re-arranged the pictures on the walls
- b) neither his mother nor his father ever noticed the big black splotch on the wall
- c) His father told him that he knew about the splotch and that he must re-paper the room
- d) the black splotch had disappeared

37. H What was the first event of the Early Harvest on the Wilder farm?

- a) haying-time
- b) shearing the sheep
- c) selling the hogs
- d) canning vegetables

38. The scythes had to be sharpened before they could cut hay. What did they use to sharpen them?

- a) a dry grindstone
- b) water and a grindstone
- c) the hot fire in the stove
- d) a rock from the stream

39. Why did the men and boys put green leaves in the crowns of their hats?

- a) to play a trick on the girls
- b) to cool off their heads
- c) to absorb the sweat
- d) they liked the smell of the leaves

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40. The Wilders saved everything from the summer's bounty. What did they do with the apple cores?

- a) fed them to Lucy
- b) make vinegar
- c) used them to plant trees
- d) tossed them into the fields

41. Where had the children's clothing come from? Who brought the Wilder family news of politics, fashions, and prices from New York City?

- a) the wheat-buyer
- b) the hay-buyer
- c) the butter-buyer
- d) the shoe cobbler

42. What did Mother do with her butter money?

- a) bought more seed for next spring
- b) bought everyone a new outfit
- c) paid her tab at the general store
- d) put it in the bank

43. Why did Father have to lift Almanzo's milk-fed pumpkin into the wagon?

- a) Almanzo was too rough with the vegetables
- b) Father did not trust Almanzo
- c) it was too big for Almanzo to lift or roll
- d) Almanzo was ill and could not help

44. What did Almanzo enjoy doing once all the perfect apples had been picked?

- a) tricked the girls into picking the rest of them
- b) played catch with the leftovers
- c) climbed the trees to get the rest
- d) shook the trees to make the rest of the apples fall

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