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On the Banks of Plum Creek

Questions Chapter 25

1. What does Pa say they will do if the good weather keeps coming?
 - a) harvest tomorrow
 - b) go to visit the Big Woods
 - c) go to town on Saturday
 - d) harvest next week
2. Pa told Ma about the wonderful crop they would harvest. How many bushels of wheat will they get from one acre?

3. What was happening to the sunshine?
 - a) something was making it dim
 - b) it caused the creek to dry up
 - c) the clouds covered it
 - d) it caused a fire in the fields
4. Something hit Laura in the head, what was it?
 - a) a rock
 - b) a mosquito
 - c) a tree branch
 - d) a grasshopper
5. **Fill in the Blank:** The grasshoppers kept falling, like _____.

6. **Fill in the Blank:** "The _____ was grasshoppers. Their bodies hid the sun and made darkness."

7. What were the grasshoppers doing to Laura?
 - a) clinging to her skin and dress
 - b) getting caught in her hair
 - c) biting her on the arms
 - d) eating away at her dress

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8. What was Ma doing in the house?
- a) sweeping up the grasshoppers c) washing clothes
b) shutting all of the windows d) cooking dinner
9. **T** **F** **True or False:** Pa almost forgot about the corn. He dashed out of the house to check on the corn fields.
10. What did Pa pitch into the wagon?
- a) dirty hay from the manure-pile c) stacks of wheat stalks
b) piles of cornstalks d) clean hay from the haystack
11. What did Pa do as he drove the wagon around the field?
- a) threw out piles of hay c) cut down the cornstalks
b) cut down the wheat stalks d) swatted away the grasshoppers
12. **T** **F** **True or False:** Ma started a fire. Then, she light the piles of hay that Pa left behind.
13. **T** **F** **True or False:** Ma took off her clothes in the barn. She had to kill all of the grasshoppers that were in her clothing.
14. Who was eating as many grasshoppers as they could?
- a) the chickens c) the horses
b) the cattle d) Laura
15. **T** **F** **True or False:** In the garden, the grasshoppers ate all of the potatoes, carrots, beats, and beans.
16. Why did Laura have to put on her stockings, shoes, and a shawl?
- a) to go feed the horses c) to go get Spot
b) to take a message to Mr. Nelson d) to help save the garden
17. **T** **F** **True or False:** Ma came out in Pa's winter coat to do the milking.

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18. How did Ma get the grasshoppers out of the milk?

- a) she ran the milk through a cheesecloth
- b) she grabbed them out with her hands
- c) Laura used a stick to fish them out
- d) she skimmed them out with a tin cup

19. What did they do with the grasshoppers that they found inside the house?

- a) put them all in a potato sack
- b) threw them into the stove
- c) shoveled them outside
- d) collected them to dump in the creek

20. What did Pa drink before returning to the field with more hay?

- a) a glass of lemonade
- b) a long swig of water
- c) a cup of tea
- d) a glass of milk

21. How long did Pa work to keep the smoke over the fields?

- a) all week long
- b) an hour or two
- c) all day long until supper
- d) all night and through breakfast

22. **T F True or False:** Pa was sure their hard work would save most of the wheat field. He had defeated the grasshoppers.

23. What did Laura remember when Pa was telling them not to worry about the crops?

- a) they would not make it to church this week
- b) the new house wasn't paid for
- c) Pa was going to buy her a pony
- d) Pa had promised to buy Ma a buggy

24. Where did Pa go to sleep?

- a) on the table
- b) in the fields
- c) in his bed
- d) on the floor

25. **T F True or False:** The rabbits and birds were all gone. Whatever was left, was eating grasshoppers.

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26. Pa, Laura, and Mary walked to Sunday School. Why did Ma and Carrie stay home?

- a) Ma could not walk that far
- b) Ma's Sunday dress was ruined
- c) Carrie was sick
- d) the sun was hot and bright

27. What was all over their best Sunday dresses?

- a) grasshopper blood
- b) little holes
- c) tobacco-juice
- d) little burns from the fire

28. Many folks were moving back East after the grasshoppers came through. Who did Mary and Laura have to say good-bye to?

- a) Sam and David
- b) Christy and Cassie
- c) Ma and Pa
- d) Nellie and Willie

29. Why couldn't Mary and Laura go to school anymore?

- a) The school shut down when Mrs. Beadle left.
- b) They had to save their shoes for winter.
- c) Pa and Ma needed their help at home.
- d) They had to save their best dresses for Sundays.

30. Pa began to plow the fields to prepare for next year's crop. Where did he get the plow?

- a) Mr. Oleson let Pa buy a plow on credit.
- b) He used what little money he had left to buy a plow from Mr. Oleson.
- c) He used the old plow that Mr. Hanson had left behind.
- d) He worked for Mr. Nelson and then used Mr. Nelson's plow.

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- 3. (a) pg 193
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