The Odyssey Multiple Choice Quiz

Please choose only one answer per question.

1. What is the purpose of the invocation?
   a. To unite all of the gods
   b. To ask for a safe trip
   c. To ask for inspiration and help from the gods
   d. To seek an adventure
2. Which occasion took the most of Odysseus men’s lives?
   a. Passing Scylla
   b. Encountering the Laestrygonians
   c. Zeus striking the steersman’s head with a mast
   d. Encountering Cyclops
3. Who rescued Odysseus and placed him on the beach of Phaecia?
   a. Zeus
   b. Athena
   c. Poseidon
   d. Circe
4. What is an example of juxtaposition of divine and supernatural?
   a. Circe turning his men into swine.
   b. Zeus drowning all the rest of Odysseus’s men
   c. The sirens singing
   d. Cyclops milking ewes and doing other household chores in his cave
5. Which simile describes Odysseus and his men poking the Cyclops eye?
   a. Turning it as a shipwright turns a drill in planking
   b. Lay down like a mast among his sheep
   c. Reset the stone as one would cap a quiver
   d. None of the above
6. Who is lord of noon who rides high heaven?
   a. Zeus
   b. Helios
   c. Aelous
   d. Poseidon
7. What is Odysseus’s tragic flaw?
   a. Gets hungry
   b. Can’t sail
   c. Is blind
   d. Falls asleep
8. What is Odysseus referring to when he says “tie me up, tight as a splint?”
   a. Can’t sleep
   b. Got in a fight
   c. Passing the sirens
   d. None of the above
9. Why did Odysseus not tell his men that they were going to pass by Scylla?
   a. Because his men would row in the opposite direction
   b. Because it didn’t matter
   c. Because Odysseus couldn’t speak
   d. Because his men already knew

10. How long was Odysseus held on Calypso’s island?
    a. 4 years
    b. 5 years
    c. 6 years
    d. 7 years

11. What happened to Argos when he saw Odysseus?
    a. He ran away
    b. He barked and died
    c. He wagged his tail and died
    d. He bit him

12. How many weeks should the trip home has taken him?
    a. 1 week
    b. 2 weeks
    c. 3 weeks
    d. 5 weeks

13. In part IV what does the quote “you killed the best on Ithaca” refer to?
    a. Argos dying
    b. Killing Antinous
    c. Killing a suitor
    d. None of the above

14. What was a theme in part IV?
    a. Revenge
    b. Hospitality
    c. Homecoming
    d. Fate vs. Free will

15. What is an example of loyalty in The Odyssey?
    a. Odysseus not listening to his men
    b. Argos waiting to die until Odysseus was home safely
    c. Poking the Cyclops’ eye
    d. Reuniting with his son