Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?

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1 Put the following events in the story in the right order. Number them 1–10.
   a __ Rick goes to the Rosen Corporation.
   b __ Rick buys a goat.
   c __ Rick discovers Rachael Rosen is an android.
   d __ Rick finds a toad.
   e __ Rick goes to Isidore’s apartment building.
   f __ Resch kills Luba Luft.
   g __ Rick is arrested.
   h __ Rick kills Polokov.
   i __ Rick kills the Batys.
   j __ Rick’s colleague Holden is shot by an android.

2 Are these sentences about androids true (T) or false (F)?
   a __ Androids live longer than humans.
   b __ Androids can be happy or unhappy.
   c __ Androids can show empathy for living animals.
   d __ Androids are not allowed on Mars.
   e __ Androids need animals more than humans.

3 Who said this in the story? Who did they say it to?
   Isidore, Iran, Pris, Hannibal Sloat, Rick, Rachael, Polokov.
   a ‘It lists a six hour depression.’ ............... to
   b ‘Another living creature is dead, chickenhead. Didn’t you notice the difference?’ ............... to
   c ‘Then I’ll have to break your neck.’ ............... to
   d ‘I brought you some butter.’ ............... to
   e ‘Thank you for not killing me.’ ............... to

4 Complete the following sentences.
   a Rick’s colleague could no longer hunt androids, so Bryant ...
   b Rick couldn’t kill Rachael at the Rosen Corporation because ...
   c When Isidore first visited Pris he wanted to make friends so ...

5 Describe what Isidore is doing in this picture and why.
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Setting

Choose the best answer.

1 The story is set in ______.

2 Earth has changed because there was a big ______.
   a] storm  b] war  c] fire  d] plane crash

3 There is now a lot of ______ everywhere on Earth.
   a] snow  b] ice  c] dust  d] water

4 Lots of different types of ______ no longer exist.
   a] animals  b] trees  c] languages  d] houses

5 Many people have now emigrated to ______.
   a] Australia  b] South America  c] the Moon  d] Mars

6 There are some escaped androids who look and act like ______.

7 The Voigt-Kampff ______ finds out if people are really androids.

8 People who are ‘specials’ are not allowed to ______.
   a] read  b] marry  c] work  d] emigrate

9 On Earth there is a type of ______ called Mercerism.

10 In Mercerism people have to own and care for ______.
    a] an android  b] a tree  c] a child  d] an animal

Characters

Choose the best answer.

11 Rick Deckard’s job is to kill ______.
   a] animals  b] insects  c] escaped prisoners  d] androids

12 Iran Deckard puts a setting for ______ on her mood machine twice a month.
   a] hunger  b] illness  c] depression  d] happiness

13 Rick Deckard goes to Seattle to do tests on ______ to find out if she is an android.
   a] Irmgard Baty  b] Rachel Rosen  c] Pris Stratton  d] Luba Luft

14 ______ runs a family company which makes androids.

15 The voice of Buster Friendly can always be heard ______.
   a] on the mood machine  b] on television  c] in the empathy box  d] in hovercars

16 ______ is a ‘special’ or a ‘chickenhead’ and other people are unfriendly to him.

17 Miss Luba Luft is an android and a famous ______.
   a] TV presenter  b] animal trainer  c] opera singer  d] TV personality

18 Phil Resch is worried that he is ______.
   a] a killer  b] a sick man  c] an android  d] a prisoner

19 Roy Baty is the ______ leader of a group of androids.
   a] TV presenter  b] animal trainer  c] opera singer  d] group leader

20 ______ is the name of the man in the empathy box.

Dialogue

Who said or wrote this?

21 ‘I want a large animal. I had a real sheep once but it died.’

22 ‘I can explain why my niece failed your empathy test. She was born on a spaceship and lived there for fourteen of her eighteen years.’

23 ‘You almost own an owl. You can have it. But if it ever has any babies, they’ll be ours.’

24 ‘Hey, I live upstairs. I heard your television. Let’s meet.’

25 ‘And speaking of waiting, it’s now only ten hours until that big piece of news, my special report. Tell your friends to watch!’
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Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

31 a long, thin piece of metal
   a sheet b string c wire d rope
32 an insect with eight legs that catches flies and lives in a web
   a fly b spider c beetle d bee
33 a large round body in space that moves around a star such as the sun
   a rock b globe c orbit d planet
34 to practise a song or a play before you do it in public
   a rehearse b repeat c remove d return
35 a line of light shining from something
   a bean b beam c beat d bear
36 to confess; to agree, often unwillingly, that something is true
   a whisper b shout c deny d admit
37 a small animal which is like a frog; it lives in water and on land
   a toad b duck c deer d owl
38 to keep someone or something safe from harm, injury etc.
   a attack b protect c defeat d lose
39 the part of a television or computer on which pictures and words appear
   a screen b window c view d entrance
40 when you feel afraid, anxious and not confident
   a calm b grateful c nervous d sincere

Plot

Choose the best answer.

41 Rick Deckard has a lot of work because Dave Holden was _____ by Polokov, a super-intelligent android.
   a hurt b killed c eaten d burned
42 Rick wants to earn a lot of money so that he can buy ______.
   a an electric animal b a real animal c a new mood machine d a new empathy box
43 Rick has a short time to find a small group of Androids who escaped from ______.
   a prison b the police station c Mars d the Moon
44 Isidore is very _____ when the mysterious Pris Stratton moves in near him.
   a violent b cross c jealous d pleased
45 Rick goes to find Luba Luft but she traps him by calling an android ______.
   a fireman b policeman c doctor d taxi driver
46 The androids Pris, Irmgard and Roy wait for Rick at ______, where Isidore lives.
   a the dark old house b the large modern house c the small office building d the empty apartment building
47 Isidore is upset when Buster Friendly announces that Mercer is ______.
   a an android b a fake c an animal d a ‘special’
48 Ricks decides to ______ Rachel.
   a sleep with b kill c marry d teach
49 Rick kills ______ of the androids.
   a one b two c three d all six
50 At the end, Rick brings ______ back to his house.
   a Rachel b Isidore c a fake toad d a real toad

Total marks