1. Put these events in the right order. Number them 1–10.
   a ___ Ethan’s mother dies.
   b ___ Zeena goes to see a new doctor in Bettsbridge.
   c ___ Zeena becomes sickly.
   d ___ Ethan leaves for the station with Mattie.
   e ___ Zeena returns from Bettsbridge.
   f ___ Ethan marries Zeena.
   g ___ Zeena comes to look after Ethan’s mother.
   h ___ Mattie and Ethan hit the tree.
   i ___ Mattie comes to live in Starkfield.
   j ___ The cat breaks the glass dish.

2. Who said this? Who did they say it to? Mattie, Andrew Hale (the builder), Ruth Hale, Ethan, Denis Eady, Zeena.
   a ‘Ain’t I lucky that I got my dad’s horse and sleigh waiting for us?’ ............... to ...............
   b ‘What will Zeena say? It was her very best dish.’ ............... to ...............
   c ‘We can go tomorrow if there’s a moon.’ ............... to ...............
   d ‘You ain’t got money problems, have you?’ ............... to ...............
   e ‘We’ll have to get a hired girl.’ ............... to ...............
   f ‘I always knew you were bad.’ ............... to ...............
   g ‘Are you going round by Shadow Pond?’ ............... to ...............
   h ‘Zeena’s cared for the pair of them for over twenty years.’ ............... 

3. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?
   a ___ Ethan had a saw mill.
   b ___ Zeena was Ethan’s cousin.
   c ___ Mattie was Ethan’s cousin.
   d ___ Mattie’s family were rich.
   e ___ Ethan thought about going West.

4. Who do these words best describe? twisted, warm, thin, silent, smiling, lonely, sad, shining, sickly, sweet.
   a Zeena: ............... , ............... 
   b Mattie before the last ride: ............... ,
   c Ethan after the last ride: ............... , ............... , ............... , ............... 

5. Why didn’t Ethan leave Starkfield with Mattie?

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6. Describe the scene in Ethan’s house on the night when Ethan, and the man who tells the story, arrive in the snow.

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Setting

Choose the best answer.

1. The story of Ethan Frome happens ______.
   a. in the future  b. in the present time  c. about 100 years ago  d. about 1000 years ago

2. Starkfield is a ______ in Massachusetts, USA.
   a. city  b. village  c. house  d. school

3. In the winter, the weather around Starkfield is often ______.
   a. cold and snowy  b. wet and windy  c. warm and rainy  d. dry and sunny

4. Ethan Frome lives in ______.
   a. a nice new house  b. an old hotel  c. a lonely farmhouse  d. a modern flat

5. Ethan lives with his wife, Zeena, and her ______.
   a. friend  b. father  c. brother  d. cousin

6. Ethan watches Mattie dance in the ______ in Starkfield.
   a. church  b. café  c. street  d. forest

7. Ethan works at his own ______.
   a. shop  b. restaurant  c. saw-mill  d. garage

8. Ethan and Zeena are ______.
   a. rich and happy  b. rich but unhappy  c. healthy and happy  d. poor and unhappy

9. One day, Zeena goes to Bettsbridge to see ______.
   a. a dentist  b. a doctor  c. her mother  d. her sister

10. On the last day, Ethan and Mattie go down the hill on a ______.
    a. sled  b. horse  c. buggy  d. train

Characters

Choose the best answer.

11. When Ethan is an older man, his body is ______.
    a. big and strong  b. fit and healthy  c. fat and unhealthy  d. damaged and twisted

12. Zeena is a ______ woman.
    a. cold, silent  b. large, happy  c. small, funny  d. tall, beautiful

13. Zeena is always ______.
    a. laughing  b. talking  c. ill  d. hungry

14. Zeena came to the farmhouse a long time ago to look after Ethan’s ______.
    a. grandmother  b. mother  c. father  d. sister

15. Mattie is a warm, smiling girl with ______.
    a. long blond hair  b. short blond hair  c. shining dark eyes  d. big blue eyes

16. Mattie ______ in Ethan and Zeena’s home.
    a. lives and works  b. paints pictures  c. visits her friends  d. plays music

17. _____ dances with Mattie and wants to give her a lift home in his sleigh.

18. _____ works for Ethan and he takes Zeena to and from the station.

19. Ethan asks _____, the builder, for fifty dollars.

20. Zeena wants to send _____ away from the house.

Dialogue

Who said or wrote this?

21. ‘I’ll need someone to help me when Mattie leaves.’

22. ‘But ain’t I lucky that I got my dad’s horse and sleigh down here waiting for us? Come on, let’s take a ride!’

23. ‘Leave? You mean Zeena ain’t happy with me?’

24. ‘I’m much sicker than you think.’

25. ‘Oh, Ethan. It’s all in pieces. What will Zeena say?’
26 ‘But you can’t send her away – she’s your cousin.’
   a ☐ Ethan Frome   b ☐ Zeena Frome   c ☐ Mattie Silver   d ☐ Jotham Powell
27 ‘Zeena, I’ve done everything I could for you. But it hasn’t worked. It’s neither my fault nor yours.’
   a ☐ Mattie Silver   b ☐ Ethan Frome   c ☐ Andrew Hale   d ☐ Jotham Powell
28 ‘Mrs Frome told me the new girl’s comin’ today, and Mattie’s leavin’. I got to take her down to the station.’
   a ☐ Ethan Frome   b ☐ Ruth Hale   c ☐ Denis Eady   d ☐ Jotham Powell

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

31 when you say that you are unhappy or angry about something
   a ☐ agree   b ☐ complain   c ☐ explain   d ☐ smile
32 a plate or bowl which you can put food or fruit in
   a ☐ dish   b ☐ spoon   c ☐ cup   d ☐ table
33 a sticky liquid which you use to join two things together
   a ☐ milk   b ☐ water   c ☐ glass   d ☐ glue
34 a piece of material that you wear round your head or neck
   a ☐ skirt   b ☐ shirt   c ☐ scarf   d ☐ sock
35 when you feel angry or sad because you are afraid of losing somebody’s love
   a ☐ jealous   b ☐ hungry   c ☐ thirsty   d ☐ bored
36 when you touch someone with your lips in a loving way
   a ☐ carry   b ☐ kiss   c ☐ shake   d ☐ hold
37 when a hill or mountain goes up quickly from a low place to a high place
   a ☐ sure   b ☐ strong   c ☐ soft   d ☐ steep
38 a small area of water in a garden, park or farm etc.
   a ☐ pond   b ☐ bath   c ☐ sea   d ☐ drink
39 when a person is full of life and always moving or doing things
   a ☐ asleep   b ☐ tired   c ☐ lively   d ☐ ill
40 when you make or mend clothes
   a ☐ cook   b ☐ clean   c ☐ wash   d ☐ sew

Plot

Choose the best answer.

41 Ethan ______ with Mattie.
   a ☐ wants to work   b ☐ falls in love   c ☐ finds some money   d ☐ writes a book
42 Mattie ______ Ethan.
   a ☐ kills   b ☐ hates   c ☐ loves   d ☐ marries
43 If Mattie leaves Ethan and Zeena’s house, she ______.
   a ☐ can’t get a job or money   b ☐ can get a good job   c ☐ can live with her family   d ☐ can get money from her family
44 One night Mattie breaks Zeena’s best ______.
   a ☐ cup   b ☐ chair   c ☐ dish   d ☐ lamp
45 Zeena asks ______ to come and work at the house.
   a ☐ a new girl   b ☐ a new boy   c ☐ her best friend   d ☐ her brother
46 Ethan writes a letter to Zeena and says he is ______.
   a ☐ happy   b ☐ very poor   c ☐ dying   d ☐ leaving
47 ______ finds and reads the letter.
   a ☐ Zeena   b ☐ Mattie   c ☐ Jotham   d ☐ Ruth
48 Ethan and Mattie try to kill themselves by crashing into a ______.
   a ☐ wall   b ☐ house   c ☐ tree   d ☐ rock
49 After the accident Mattie ______.
   a ☐ dies   b ☐ cannot move her body at all   c ☐ leaves Starkfield   d ☐ runs away with Ethan
50 After the accident Zeena ______.
   a ☐ gets a new maid   b ☐ leaves Ethan   c ☐ tries to kill Mattie   d ☐ looks after Ethan and Mattie