

Questions for Self-Grading Quiz on *The Last Gentleman*

1. What does Will call the New Mexico desert?
 - a) the Land of Death
 - b) the Wild, Wild West
 - c) the locus of pure possibility
 - d) an attractive tourist destination
- 2) What is the name of the Trav-L-Aire camper Will and Jamie travel in?
 - a) Trigger
 - b) Ulysses
 - c) the Robert E. Lee
 - d) the Pequod
- 3) The Tyree children Val cares for are _____.
 - a) blind
 - b) lame
 - c) lepers
 - d) mute
4. In his notebook, Sutter says that Val believes man should be considered _____.
 - a) an angel
 - b) an organism
 - c) a wanderer
 - d) a self-actualizing being
5. Will's father is best described as _____.
 - a) stoic
 - b) epicurean
 - c) domineering
 - d) mystical
6. Will likes working as an engineer because he considers himself -- _____.
 - a) a young, upwardly mobile professional
 - b) a scientific technician
 - c) project-oriented
 - d) good with his hands
7. Will enjoys the telescope because it allows him to _____.
 - a) bring things closer
 - b) look for his father
 - c) recover objects
 - d) take a better look at the Crab Nebula
8. Which two characters views are closest to Percy's own?
 - a) Sutter and Val's
 - b) Rita and Val's
 - c) Mr. Vaught and Sutter's
 - d) Kitty and Lamar Thigpen's

9. Will's main psychological disorder is _____.
a) schizophrenia
b) depression
c) Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
d) recurrent partial amnesia
10. The Tyree children believe Val's statements about God and the Church because _____.
a) they are not too bright
b) she is a gifted pedagogue
c) she tells them with authority
d) they live in a predominantly Catholic area
11. Will's trouble with groups is that he _____.
a) basically doesn't like people
b) has trouble understanding others
c) feels like an outcast
d) loses himself in them
12. According to Sutter's casebook, lewdness is _____.
a) transcendence of the everyday
b) morally wrong
c) a mode of reentry from the transcendent to the immanent
d) a means of self-discovery
13. Will is most like his great-grandfather when _____.
a) he thinks of restoring the plantation
b) he wanders around Civil War battlefields
c) he knocks out the sheriff's deputy in Ithaca
d) he blows up a Union monument at Princeton
14. The "ravening particles" Will senses threaten to _____.
a) empty out things
b) severely compromise air quality
c) corrode his telescope
d) prevent transcendence
15. The problem with the paintings in the museum Will goes to is _____.
a) they contain nude women
b) they are badly done
c) poor lighting
d) they cannot be seen

True/False

1. From Will's perspective, what people fear most is the end of the world.
2. Will's greatest concern is whether or not there is a God.
3. Will makes black people nervous, and they him.
4. This is the only one of Percy's works in which mentions suicide.
5. Will desperately wants to be told what to do by someone with authority.

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