

Answer Key

Checkouts

Selection Test, pp. 5–6

A. (6 points each) Answers will vary but should suggest the following:

1. The girl was lonely, she missed the town where she had lived, and/or she did not want to be in Cincinnati or start a new life.
2. The girl was attracted by his clumsiness and his tattered appearance, which contrasted with the “perfectly beautiful” house she had been forced to live in.
3. The boy thought constantly about the girl and wanted to see her again.
4. He denied himself the chance to meet her, he was too nervous to say hello, or he did not know what to do when he finally saw her.

B. (5 points each)

1. b
2. d
3. a
4. b

C. (4 points each)

1. c
2. a
3. a
4. c
5. b

D. (20 points; students should answer one of the two)

1. Answers will vary but could include points similar to the following:
 - a. The boy dropped the mayonnaise jar because he was nervous and distracted; it was his first day on the job and he was interested in the fascinating girl.
 - b. The boy was unhappy for the rest of his shift because he thought he had made a fool of himself in front of the girl.
 - c. He watched for her in the store because he wanted to get to know her and have a chance to make a better impression.
 - d. He pretended not to notice her when she finally came back to the store during his shift because he was so nervous.
2. Answers will vary. Students who think the prediction had come true might say:
 - a. After about three months, a boy asked the girl to go to a movie.
 - b. The girl stopped thinking about the bag boy when another boy asked her out.
 - c. The girl was on a date at the end of the story when she and the bag boy saw each other in the line at the theater.

Students who think the prediction had not come true might say:

- a. Within a week of her second encounter with the bag boy, the girl was asked on a date, but there is no indication that she felt better about her life.
- b. The narrator doesn't tell us how long it was after the neighbor invited her to a movie before the girl met other people.
- c. The girl was asked on a few dates, but she may not have felt that she had many close friends.

E. (16 points) Answers will vary widely, depending on students' personal experiences, situations, and viewpoints. Accept any answers that address the concern of the question and are elaborated by examples or details from the literature or from life.