Self-check CU2 M1 Troublemakers

1. After reading the article, it is clear that Gladwell…:

supports banning pit bulls.

Correct Answer: does not support pit bull bans.

believes all aggressive dog breeds should be banned.

believes people should be wary of pit bulls.

2. As stated in the article, what's another word for "generalization"?

Side step

Overshadow

Correct Answer: Stereotype

General idea

3. At one point in the article, Gladwell surmises that a pit bull ban is…:

the only way to ensure that citizens will be safe from harm in dog vs. human altercations.

Correct Answer: a generalization about a generalization about a trait that is not, in fact general.

a losing battle in a world dead set against telling citizens what they can and can't do.

consistent with other forms of outrageous law making and political bullying.

4. In terms of the Rhetorical Triangle, who is Gladwell?

The audience

The message

Correct Answer: The speaker

The initiator

5. On whose testimony does Gladwell most often rely throughout the article in order to make his points most strongly?

Owners of aggressive dog breeds

City government experts

Correct Answer: Dog temperament experts

Victims of dog attacks

6. Out of 500 pit-bull-type dogs tested for aggressive temperament by the American Temperament Test Society, how many dogs does Carl Herkstroeter, president of the A.T.T.S., say he disqualified for aggressive tendencies?

All of them.

Half of them.

150

Correct Answer: 1

7. What breed of dog does Gladwell state mauled a Frenchwoman so badly she was given the world's first face transplant?

Correct Answer: Labrador retriever

Pit bull

German shepherd

Doberman

8. What does Gladwell compare pit bull bans to in the article?

Carrying a loaded weapon

Correct Answer: Racial profiling

Insurance fraud

Shooting the messenger

9. What movie does Gladwell refer to when discussing the post-911 searching of subway passengers' bags?

Star Wars

Correct Answer: The Godfather

Doctor Who

Platoon

10. What purpose does the underlined section in the following sentence serve?

As the legal scholar Frederick Schauer has observed, "painting with a broad brush" is "an often inevitable and frequently desirable dimension of our decision-making lives."

It contradicts the quote.

It reflects the philosophy of the author.

Correct Answer: It introduces the quote by letting readers know who said the quote and explains why the speaker is credible.

It obfuscates the issue.

11. Where does Gladwell place the ultimate blame for deaths resulting from pit bull attacks?

City managers

Dog breeders

Correct Answer: Dog owners

Local law enforcement

12. Which of the following is a statement Gladwell uses to describe pit bulls and how they are different than other breeds?

Correct Answer: They don't growl or assume an aggressive facial expression as warning. They just attack.

They fight as a last resort, when staring and growling fail.

They usually attempt to restrain those they perceive to be threats by biting and holding.

They display defeat in combat by rolling over and exposing a light underside.

13. Who is Jayden?

The father of a two-and-a-half-year-old that was attacked by pit bulls.

Correct Answer: A child who was attacked by pit bulls.

The owner of the pit bulls.

The name of one of the pit bulls.

14. Why does Gladwell include information about Drug Enforcement Administration agents making generalizations about drug smugglers?

To illustrate how similar drugs and dangerous dog breeds are.

To illustrate how common drug busts and vicious dog bites are.

To illustrate how important laws are prohibiting drugs and aggressive dog breeds.

Correct Answer: To illustrate how impossible it is to appropriately generalize smugglers and dog breeds.

15. Why does Gladwell mention the mafia in the article?

Correct Answer: He is making the comparison between mafia stereotypes and pit bull stereotypes.

He is making the statement that mostly mafia types own pit bulls.

Aggressive dog breed owners are like mafiosos who bully other people.

He is comparing the mafia to dog fighting profiles.