MULTIPLE CHOICE:

Directions: Read each question. Shade in the bubble on your scantron sheet next to the letter that best answers the question.

1. S.E. Hinton, the author, wrote *The Outsiders* from which character’s point of view?
   a. Darry
   b. Johnny
   c. Ponyboy
   d. The Curtis brother

2. The setting of the story takes place in _____________.
   a. New York
   b. A small farm town
   c. A suburban area with two sides of town
   d. A church

3. Which of the following statements is NOT true about Two-Bit Matthews?
   a. He always has to get his “two-bits” into the conversation.
   b. He thinks Ponyboy is a tag-a-long.
   c. He is the oldest of the gang and enjoys school.
   d. He enjoys drinking alcohol and stealing.

4. Whom does Johnny idolize?
   a. Dally
   b. Ponyboy
   c. Sodapop
   d. Darry

5. “Tuff” means _____________.
   a. Stupid
   b. Tough
   c. Wild
   d. Cool

6. Several times throughout the text, Ponyboy mentions Darry’s icy blue eyes. What do Darry’s eyes suggest about his personality?
   a. Darry is intense and emotional
   b. Darry is cold, mean and logical
   c. Darry is dreamy and unpredictable
   d. Darry is tranquil and peaceful
7. In *The Outsiders* the color blue is repeatedly mentioned, making it a motif (reoccurring symbol). What is associated with the color blue?
   a. Dally’s eyes, Darry’s eyes, and the Soc’s Mustang  
   b. Ponyboy’s eyes, Johnny’s eyes, and the Soc’s Mustang  
   c. Madras shirts, the Soc’s Mustang, and Darry’s eyes  
   d. The sky, Ponyboy’s t-shirt, and the Soc’s Mustang

8. In chapter 1 Ponyboy says “I was still lying and I knew it. I lie to myself all the time. But I never believe me” (18). What is he lying to himself about?
   a. Ponyboy always lies to himself because he cannot handle the truth.  
   b. He doesn’t love Darry.  
   c. He doesn’t need Sodapop.  
   d. He doesn’t care about anyone but himself.

9. Which of the following can be construed as a symbol (or symbols) that represent the greasers?
   a. Long, greasy hair  
   b. Madras shirts  
   c. Switchblades  
   d. All of the above

10. Which of the following can be construed as a symbol (or symbols) that represent the Socs?
    a. Madras shirts  
    b. Mustangs  
    c. Rings  
    d. All of the above

11. Which of the following factored into shaping Johnny’s shy, nervous personality?
    a. His verbally abusive mother.  
    b. His drunk, belligerent, physically abusive father.  
    c. Being jumped by the Socs.  
    d. All of the above.

12. With whom does Ponyboy feel comfortable discussing clouds, sunsets and poetry?
    a. Johnny, Cherry and Sodapop  
    b. Johnny, Cherry and Darry  
    c. Johnny, Cherry and Dally  
    d. Johnny, Sodapop and Two-Bit

13. How does Ponyboy get a concussion?
    a. A wooden beam fell on him during the fire  
    b. A Soc cracked him upside the head with a pipe during the rumble  
    c. A Soc kicked him in the head during the rumble  
    d. When he nearly drowned he hit his head on the edge of the fountain, causing him to black out
14. In chapter 2 Cherry tells Ponyboy “things are rough all over” (35). Finally, in chapter 7, Ponyboy figured out what she meant by that statement. What did she mean?
   a. Everyone watches sunsets
   b. The Socs have a harder life than the greasers
   c. The greasers have a harder life than the Socs
   d. Everyone has problems, and suffering is part of the human condition

15. Why did Ponyboy say Dally wanted to die?
   a. He felt guilty for starting the fire in the church
   b. Johnny was his closest friend, and when he died Dally had no one left
   c. After playing the part of a hero, he could not return to his life of crime and felt trapped, so death was the only way out
   d. Dally didn’t really want to die, but the police officers are monsters who were looking for an opportunity to kill Dally for no good reason

16. The major theme for The Outsiders is ____________________.
   a. Always carry a heater
   b. Get to know someone before you judge them
   c. Rich people and poor people will never understand each other
   d. Don’t bring a knife to a gun fight
   e. Don’t bring a gun to a knife fight

17. How is Ponyboy different from the rest of the gang?
   a. He doesn’t like to fight
   b. He likes girls, beer and guns
   c. He shot a man in Reno just to watch him die
   d. He steals and does poorly in school

TRUE or FALSE
Directions: Read each question. Decide whether the statement is true or false. Shade in A if the statement is true, or shade in B if the statement is false. (A=True, B=False)

18. Dally got run over by a police cruiser
19. Cherry went to the hospital to see Johnny
20. Ponyboy fainted when Johnny died
21. Sodapop’s real name is Keith
22. Ponyboy testified at his court hearing
23. Johnny left a note for Ponyboy inside his copy of Gone with the Wind
SHORT ANSWER

*Directions:* On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following question (2 points):

24. Why did S.E. Hinton title the book *The Outsiders*? What does the word “outsider” signify? Who were the outsiders in the story?