M.C. Higgins, the Great

Multiple-Choice Test
Read each question below. Then, mark the letter of the answer you have chosen.

1. M.C. is most proud of his skills as a—
   A) driver and miner
   B) hunter and swimmer
   C) writer and storyteller
   D) singer and sprinter

2. Which word is an antonym for the underlined word below?
   But seeing M.C. as tight and taut as a bowstring, . . . Jones let the question go.
   F) angry
   G) relaxed
   H) tense
   J) happy

3. A character trait that probably would not be applied to Banina Higgins is—
   A) quick tempered
   B) kindhearted
   C) hardworking
   D) sympathetic

4. Which of the following statements is true?
   F) Lewis gets Banina a contract.
   G) Lurhetta refuses to go to Kill’s Mound.
   H) The arrival of the icemen upsets Jones.
   J) Lurhetta is an expert swimmer.

5. M.C.’s motivation for building the wall is to—
   A) protect his house from the spoil heap
   B) keep out the strip miners
   C) shelter Ben’s family
   D) impress Lurhetta Outlaw

6. What is Lewis’s main motivation for recording the singing of strangers?
   F) To keep the tapes for himself
   G) To help poor people move away
   H) To preserve its natural beauty
   J) To make money in Nashville

7. Which of M.C.’s character traits is revealed as he watches Lurhetta at Kill’s Mound?
   A) Kindness
   B) Jealousy
   C) Generosity
   D) Courage

8. The characters of Jones and Mr. Killburn both—
   F) have great respect for their land
   G) fear each other’s supernatural powers
   H) were born in North Carolina
   J) let their wives raise their children

9. Which of the following is one of M.C.’s conflicts?
   A) His struggle to conquer his fear of heights
   B) His fight to get a job as a miner
   C) His wish to have his parents accept Ben
   D) His hope to learn better farming techniques

10. M.C. learns that—
    F) joy is fleeting and must be grabbed before it’s lost
    G) disappointment isn’t as bad as it seems
    H) prejudice is in everyone and can’t be stopped
    J) people have to stand up for themselves and do what is right