The Whale Rider

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

1. The narrator of Kahu’s story is—
   A) Koro Apirana
   B) Nanny Flowers
   C) Rawiri
   D) Kahutia Te Rangi

2. The setting of the story is—
   F) New Zealand
   G) Papua New Guinea
   H) Antarctica
   J) all of the above

3. The character of Koro Apirana is best described as—
   A) open to new ideas and change
   B) positive about the future
   C) always angry with others
   D) stubbornly traditional

4. From an early age, Kahu tries to—
   F) swim with whales and dolphins
   G) ride Rawiri’s motorcycle
   H) stop cruelty to whales
   J) win Koro’s love and support

5. The character of Nanny Flowers opposes tradition by—
   A) saying divorce is possible
   B) calling Koro an “old bugger”
   C) fighting sexual discrimination
   D) discouraging Rawiri from leaving

6. In the beginning, the Maori prospered because they—
   F) had oneness with the world
   G) made sacrifices to their gods
   H) followed the whales to Whangara
   J) believed in nature

7. The whales come to Wainui Beach because—
   A) they are ill and know they are going to die
   B) they are pursued by hunters and are driven onto the beach
   C) they are lost because their old leader is emotionally distressed
   D) they are warning the Maori that their culture is endangered

8. The stories told in The Whale Rider cover—
   F) about two years
   G) about eight years
   H) about an average lifetime
   J) many generations

9. Kahu’s story shows that—
   A) youth is more respected than old age in Maori culture
   B) there is no such thing as a stable, permanent culture
   C) some traditions must change for a culture to survive
   D) it is important to keep your beliefs, even if you are wrong

10. Because of Kahu, the future for Whangara will probably be—
    F) more restrictive
    G) more equitable
    H) more difficult
    J) unchanged