8. What can the reader learn from this passage of text?

Cady packed two outfits and her favorite porcelain doll into her small leather suitcase. Her father

carried his father’s pocket watch and the money he had left from selling their cozy sod house, his

polluted fields, and Cady’s beloved animals. Her mother insisted on traveling with her best set of dishes

and pictures from home.

a. The immigrants traveled with items that reminded them of home.

b. The family did not have much money.

c. Cady was happy that she was allowed to bring her favorite doll.

d. Cady missed her home in Ireland.

9. What is the relationship between the ideas in this sentence?

Jana covered her daughter with a thin, tattered blanket, a far cry from the

warm homemade quilt that was left behind.

a. The sentence shows that Cady is comfortable while traveling on the ship.

b. The sentence compares life on the ship to life back home in Ireland.

c. The sentence describes how Jana felt about leaving the quilt behind.

d. The sentence shows that Cady is crying while on board the ship.

10. How does the author describe what life was like for Cady while on board the Messenger?

a. By the third week, the Messenger seemed more like a prison than a playground.

b. They were boarding the Messenger, headed to New York City.

c. “When will we arrive in America?” Cady asked her mother.

d. As she soaked up the heat from the coal stove, she heard stories of other ships.

11. What is the main idea of this paragraph?

The ship’s supply of sugar had disappeared and the stock of water was dwindling. Mold and maggots

overtook the provisions that remained. The drinking water that was available was gray and smelled

rancid so that Cady held her nose as she sipped.

a. the food and water on board the ship were reserved for the captain

b. the crew did not pack enough food for the journey

c. the food and water on board the ship were unsafe

d. the passengers were too sick to eat

12. How does Cady feel about the Messenger at the end of the story? Choose the two best answers.

a. Cady is grateful that the ship brought her to America.

b. Cady is glad to have met a new friend on the ship.

c. Cady is troubled by the poor living conditions on the ship.

d. Cady is hoping to return to Ireland on the same ship.

13. What lesson does Cady learn in the story?

a. Cady learns that honest is always the best policy.

b. Cady learns to overcome life’s obstacles.

c. Cady learns to accept others’ differences.

d. Cady learns that it is important to work together.

14. The next paragraph of this story would most likely be about…

a. returning to Ireland b. settling into a new life in America

c. the history of Castle Garden d. Cady’s search for a job in America

15. Who is the speaker in this story?

a. first person, Cady b. first person, Jana

c. third person, Rion d. third person, narrator