QUESTIONS: *THE THINGS THEY CARRIED*

# 1. Which word in line 2 refers to items that were indispensable and essential for the soldiers?

A) Necessities

B) P-28

C) Certificates

D) Determined

# 2. Based on the passage, what can be inferred about Ted Lavender’s use of tranquilizers?

E) He used them to relax and unwind during downtime.

F) He carried them as a necessity for physical health.

G) He carried them to share with his fellow soldiers.

H) He used them as a coping mechanism for his fear and anxiety in the war.

**3. What can be inferred about Dave Jensen's concern and preparation based on lines 22-25?**

A) He was primarily concerned about the weight of his equipment.

B) He was taking precautions to prevent foot-related issues like trench foot.

C) He had a personal preference for Dr. Scholl’s foot powder.

D) He carried an excessive number of socks to trade with other soldiers.

# 4. What can be inferred about Dave Jensen's character from the passage?

E) He had a fear of insects.

F) He prioritized personal hygiene.

G) He was superstitious.

H) He carried a lot of heavy equipment.

**5. Which option best paraphrases lines 34-40?**

A) The land was dangerous due to explosives, so every soldier had to carry a heavy flak jacket and a large bandage for safety.

B) Because the land was hazardous with mines and traps, each soldier was required to bear a 6.7-pound flak jacket, making it seem even heavier in the heat, and they carried at least one large bandage for quick use due to the high mortality rate.

C) Necessity mandated that every soldier carry a steel-centered, nylon-covered flak jacket because the land was mined and booby-trapped, making the jacket seem heavier on hot days, and they also kept a large bandage in their helmet band for emergencies.

D) Carrying a steel-centered, nylon-covered flak jacket weighing 6.7 pounds was required because of the dangerous land, and each soldier also carried a large bandage for quick access due to the high risk of fatality.

**6. In the context of line 62 what is the meaning of the word "magazine?"**

E) A collection of newspapers and articles.

F) A storage container for ammunition.

G) A periodical publication.

H) A type of firearm.

**7. What is the prominent tone conveyed by the passage?**

A) Melancholic

B) Pragmatic

C) Comical

D) Nostalgic

**8. Which word best describes the overall emotional atmosphere created by the tone in the passage?**

E) Resigned

F) Lighthearted

G) Reflective

H) Detached

**9. What is the primary reason behind the soldiers carrying the items in lines 52-55?**

A) These items were essential for their survival in the field.

B) The soldiers believed that these items brought them good luck.

C) The items were valuable for trading with other soldiers.

D) The soldiers carried these items to remember their loved ones back home.

**10. What is the implication of the soldiers "sharing the weight of memory?"**

E) They had collective amnesia.

F) They supported each other emotionally.

G) They carried physical objects with sentimental value.

H) They had a shared sense of responsibility.