

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.