

Player Piano Review Sheet

Your test will consist of 25 Fill-in-the-Blank questions, 3 Short Answer questions, and 1 Essay question. If you complete this review sheet and use it to study and prepare, you should be able to do well on the test.

General Content Questions

*Know the answer to each of these basic questions about the action in the novel.*

1. What is Paul's job? Where does he work?
2. How does the Shah of Bratpuhr refer to America's citizens?
3. What happens while Paul is in Homestead?
4. Why is Paul jealous of Finnerty?
5. What does Finnerty tell Paul about his job in Washington?
6. Why is Fred Berringer allowed to have the job that he has?
7. To what does Berringer challenge Paul and what is the outcome?
8. What does Paul realize about his feelings toward his job?
9. What was missing from the glovebox when Paul got in his car?
10. What is Finnerty doing as he wanders around Building 57?
11. Why did Finnerty take the pistol and what did he do with it?
12. After Reverend Lasher talks about the problems in the system, what title/job does Paul consider as his possible future?
13. Who is sitting at Paul's desk when he gets to work the next afternoon?
14. What is EPICAC XIV?
15. How does the shah refer to EPICAC XIV at the end of chapter 11 and why?
16. What does Kroner want Paul to do to make sure he gets the Pittsburgh job?
17. Is Paul willing to do this? Why or why not?
18. Who is going to be the green team captain at The Meadows? Blue?
19. What does Paul buy on the edge of town?
20. Why did Paul make this purchase?
21. Why does Anita hate Homestead?
22. What does Anita want to do with all of the things at the farmhouse?
23. Why is Berringer at The Meadows?
24. Why do all the men gather around the Great Oak?
25. Why does Homer Bigley think barbers are more important than doctors?
26. Explain the purpose of the play at The Meadows.
27. What do the saboteurs/traitors call themselves?
28. What is Gelhome's plan to infiltrate this organization?
29. What happened to the Great Oak?
30. Name one of the reasons the book written by the husband of the woman the Shah picked up was rejected.
31. When he leaves The Meadows, how does Paul find Anita and what comes of the situation?
32. How is Paul labeled when he registers with the police?
33. Who killed the Great Oak at The Meadows?
34. Where does the Ghost Shirt name originate?
35. Why do Finnerty and Lasher think Paul needs to be the Messiah?
36. When Kroner asks Paul to name the lead saboteur who does Paul name?
37. When the Shah and Halyard return to Ilium what is happening?
38. What are the people of Ilium doing after everything calms down
39. How do 3 of the 4 main saboteurs feel about the events? Name and explain why.
40. What do the 4 do at the end of the novel?

Characters, Themes, and Symbols

*Understand the importance of each to the progression/regression throughout in the novel.*

Automation of Industry

Technology

Mankind's Purpose

Self-Worth

Faith

Vonegut's Writing Style and Beliefs

*Understand Vonnegut's use of each in the novel.*

Humanism

Black Humor

Satire

Science Fiction