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Multiple Choice Questions over “A Sound of Thunder”

- _____ 1. The hunters are allowed to kill dinosaurs that have been marked with red paint because those dinosaurs
- aren't real.
 - have only one brain.
 - are the easiest to kill.
 - are about to die anyway.
- _____ 2. What leads Eckels to stray off the path?
- panic
 - curiosity
 - anger
 - necessity
- _____ 3. In the story, which of the following actually changes the future?
- a butterfly's natural death
 - a butterfly's unnatural death
 - a dinosaur's natural death
 - a dinosaur's unnatural death
- _____ 4. The story suggests that, had Eckels shot the red-painted dinosaur instead of panicking, history would have been changed
- for the better.
 - in unpredictable ways.
 - for the worse.
 - in no significant or noticeable way.
- _____ 5. At the end of the story, what event does the sound of thunder strongly hint at?
- the end of the world
 - Travis's shooting Eckels
 - the butterfly's death
 - Eckels's shooting himself
- _____ 6. We associate primeval animals with
- farming.
 - nighttime.
 - the distant past.
- _____ 7. What do legislators do when they revoke a law?
- pass it
 - rewrite it
 - do away with it

- _____ 8. A field of wheat would undulate because of
- a breeze.
 - sunshine.
 - a plant disease.
- _____ 9. Which is most resilient?
- steel
 - wood
 - rubber
- _____ 10. Expendable supplies are those one can
- carry.
 - consume.
 - do without.
- _____ 11. The path through the jungle is mainly intended to
- prevent history from changing.
 - protect the hunters from dinosaurs.
 - protect the dinosaurs from hunters.
 - make it easier to walk through the jungle.
- _____ 12. Which of the following beliefs leads Eckels to decide against trying to kill the dinosaur?
- There is no way that the dinosaur can be killed.
 - There is nothing to be gained from killing the dinosaur.
 - It would be wrong to kill such a magnificent beast.
 - The chances that the dinosaur's death will change history are too great.
- _____ 13. All of the following are reasons that Travis becomes angry with Eckels for stepping off the path except that
- Eckels has disobeyed Travis's orders.
 - Travis fears that Eckels may have changed history.
 - Travis fears that Time Safari will have to go out of business.
 - Travis fears that they won't be allowed to return to their own world.
- _____ 14. At the end of the story, Eckels gets the first clue that things may be changed when he
- gets out of the machine.
 - sees the sign on the wall.
 - sees the butterfly on his shoe.
 - talks to the man behind the desk.