Part 1 – Multiple Choice (15 points)

Circle the letter of the answer that best answers each question. Each question will have only one answer. Be sure to carefully read each question before answering.

1. What type of animal does Lennie want to take care of when George and him fantasize about their future home?
   a. Puppy
   b. Mice
   c. Rabbits
   d. Kitties

2. Why were George and Lennie chased out of Weed?
   a. They didn’t do much work
   b. Lennie scared a woman when he tried to feel her dress
   c. Lennie stole something from a shop
   d. They were discovered to be homeless

3. What does George tell Lennie to do while they are talking to their new boss?
   a. Keep his mouth shut
   b. Act respectably
   c. Describe himself in detail
   d. Dance like a fiend

4. What was George’s lie to the boss to explain his defense of Lennie?
   a. He owed Lennie money
   b. Lennie was his cousin
   c. Lennie was his brother
   d. He made a promise to Lennie’s mother

5. What is wrong with the black stable buck?
   a. He is mentally challenged
   b. He is missing a leg
   c. He is partially paralyzed
   d. He has a crooked back

6. Why can’t Curly get fired from the ranch?
   a. He has worked there for a very long time.
   b. He is the boss’s son
   c. He owns the place
   d. The boss is afraid of him
7. Who shot Candy’s dog to put it out of its misery?
   a. Carlson
   b. George
   c. Slim
   d. Whit

8. What is Candy’s disability?
   a. He has a club foot
   b. He has poor eyesight
   c. He is missing a hand
   d. He is hard of hearing

9. What does Slim want Curly to tell people about his busted hand?
   a. Lennie broke it
   b. It got caught in a machine
   c. A dog attacked him
   d. Slim broke it

10. What is Slim’s profession?
    a. Cattle roper
    b. Horse tamer
    c. Blacksmith
    d. Skinner

11. What river was Lennie instructed to hide near?
    a. Rio Grande
    b. Salinas River
    c. Mississippi River
    d. Boy River

12. Who does Lennie imagine is talking to him while he hides by the river?
    a. George
    b. Aunt Clara
    c. Curly’s wife
    d. His mother

13. Everybody comes to Crook’s room in chapter 4 EXCEPT…
    a. Lennie
    b. Candy
    c. Slim
    d. Curly’s wife
14. Which period of American history does this story take place in?
   a. World War II
   b. Colonial days
   c. Great Depression
   d. The 60s

15. What does George say he will probably end up doing with his money at the end of the story?
   a. Spend it in a ‘cat house’
   b. By some land
   c. By the ranch
   d. Travel the country

Part 2 – True/False (10 points)

___ 16. The story takes place in South Carolina.
___ 17. Curly wears a glove filled with Vaseline because he has a cut on his hand.
___ 18. Slim lets Lennie have one of the new puppies.
___ 19. All the men except for Lennie go to the ‘cat house’.
___ 20. George entertained himself by being mean to Lennie when he first met him.
___ 21. Curly’s wife wanted to become a singer.
___ 22. In the beginning of the story George and Lennie had recently come from a town named Weed.
___ 23. In the end Curly catches Lennie and kills him.
___ 25. Curly’s wife’s name is Susie.

Part 3 – Matching (5 points)

Match each vocabulary word with its definition. Each definition will be used only once.

| 26. Cultivator ____ | A. Laborer |
| 27. Morose ____ | B. Filled with delight |
| 28. Apprehension ____ | C. Sullen and ill-tempered |
| 29. Swamper ____ | D. A mechanical implement for breaking up soil and uprooting weeds |
| 30. Entranced ____ | E. Anxiety or fear that something bad will happen |
Part 4 – Short Answer (10 points – 2 points each)

Answer each question to the best of your knowledge (full sentences please).

31. Why is Crooks actually happy when Lennie and Candy hang out in his room for a while?

32. What did Curly’s wife want to do with her life?

33. Why does George take care of Lennie?

34. What does Crooks do in all of his free time by himself?

35. What does George do to Lennie in the end of the story and why does he do it?
Part 5 – Essay Questions (30 points – 10 points each)

Answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge using full sentences and paragraphs. Do not be afraid to express personal opinions. Each answer should be at least 2 paragraphs. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper and staple it to the back of the test packet when you are finished.

36. Curly’s wife is not happy with her life. Do you feel sympathy for her, or do you scorn her for her actions. In other words, do you see her as a villain, or a victim? Please explain your opinion in detail, referring to examples in the book.

37. In the end of the story George does what he thinks is best for Lennie. Do you think he did what was right? If you say yes, explain why. Do you think that there could have been a better solution to the problem? If so, explain what you would have done differently.

38. Pretend that you are a folk singer and you want to sing a song about one of the characters in this story. Which character would you pick to commemorate in song and why? Will the song be a story of success or of tragedy, and why? How will you show this in your song?