Anthem by Ayn Rand Test

Multiple Choice

1. Who is International 4-8818?
   a. The Golden One’s father
   b. A member of the World Council of Scholars
   c. Equality 7-2521’s best friend
   d. One of the screamers at the Home of the Students

2. Where does Equality 7-2521 write the beginning part of the novella?
   a. In a cave
   b. In a tunnel
   c. At his house
   d. On the street

3. What does the Golden One do for a living?
   a. She is a scholar
   b. She is a street sweeper
   c. She is a cook
   d. She is a peasant

4. Why do the members of the World Council of Scholars reject the lightbulb?
   a. Because they are afraid of it
   b. Because the bulb doesn't work
   c. Because they already have one
   d. Because the bulb is too bright

5. Why does Equality 7-2521 decide to offer the World Council of Scholars the lightbulb?
   a. He wants to help his brothers
   b. He wants the World Council of Scholars to forgive him for not telling the Home Council where he had been
   c. He wants the World Council of Scholars to pay him for his invention
   d. He wants to barter the lightbulb for a date with the Golden One

6. Where does Equality 7-2521 meet the Golden One?
   a. In the Palace of Mating
   b. At the World Council of Scholars
   c. In the field
   d. At the Home of Students
7. What word doesn’t the Golden One know until the end of the novella?
   a. “You”  
   b. “Them”  
   c. “We”  
   d. “I”  

8. What does Equality 7-2521 do for a living, officially?
   a. He sweeps the streets  
   b. He invents things  
   c. He builds houses  
   d. He fights for equality  

9. Who is Prometheus?
   a. The Roman god of fire  
   b. The Golden One  
   c. The man who stole fire from the gods  
   d. The god of the underworld  

10. At the end of the novella, Equality 7-2521 does not plan to do which of the following?
    a. Kill Collective 0-0009  
    b. Save International 4-8818  
    c. Put up wire around his house  
    d. Raise his son as a man  

11. The first time they meet, what does Equality 7-2521 say to the Golden One?
    a. “What is your name?”  
    b. “Dearest one . . .”  
    c. “We love you.”  
    d. Nothing  

12. What does Equality 7-2521 believe is the most important concept known to man?
    a. Light  
    b. Ego  
    c. Privacy  
    d. Silence  

13. Why does Equality 7-2521 break out of the Palace of Corrective Detention?
    a. The World Council is meeting  
    b. He is being tortured  
    c. The Golden One needs him  
    d. He wants to work on his inventions
14. When does the story take place?
   a. 1984
   b. 2015
   c. 1917
   d. The year is unspecified

15. How does Equality 7-2521 escape the Palace of Corrective Detention?
   a. He threatens not to give the World Council the lightbulb
   b. He tunnels out
   c. He steals the keys
   d. He kicks the door down

16. Where does the story take place?
   a. New York
   b. Poland
   c. Russia
   d. The location is unspecified

17. What is the name of Ayn Rand's philosophy?
   a. Objectivism
   b. Subjectivism
   c. Collectivism
   d. Socialism

18. Equality 7-2521 discovers which of the following?
   a. Lightning
   b. Electricity
   c. Subatomic particles
   d. Greek manuscripts

19. Why don't the students talk to each other?
   a. They don't have anything to say
   b. They are not allowed
   c. They are afraid that the others might not agree with what they say
   d. They know they already agree

20. Who built the house in which Equality 7-2521 and the Golden One live at the end of the novella?
   a. The Homebuilders
   b. The Golden One
   c. Equality 7-2521
   d. Men from the Unmentionable Times
21. Why does Equality 7-2521 get sent to the Palace of Corrective Detention?
   a. For refusing to tell the Home Council where he was one night
   b. For inventing the lightbulb
   c. For talking to the Golden One
   d. For drinking out of the wrong water fountain

22. How does Equality 7-2521 discover electricity?
   a. In a thunderstorm
   b. By sticking his finger in a socket
   c. While dissecting a frog hanging on a copper wire
   d. The Golden One tells him about it

23. Of whom does Equality 7-2521 consider himself a disciple?
   a. The Golden One
   b. Jesus Christ
   c. Collective 0-0009
   d. The Transgressor of the Unspeakable Word

24. Where does Equality 7-2521 go when he is exiled?
   a. The tunnel
   b. The Palace of Corrective Detention
   c. The forest
   d. His new house

25. What is the most evil word in the language (according to Rand)?
   a. “I”
   b. “You”
   c. “We”
   d. “They”

Short Answer (answer on your own sheet of paper or back of the test)
1. Explain the significance of the quote: “I am. I think. I will.”
2. What is the significance of nature in *Anthem*? Why does Equality 7-2521 flee to the forest when he is exiled from society?
3. Why do the main characters take the names Prometheus and Gaea?
4. At the end of the novel, Equality is greatly outnumbered, and modern society lies in ruins, is *Anthem* a story of liberation and hope or despair? (Use examples from the text).
5. Aside from very rare exceptions (Equality, the Saint at the Pyre) there is literally no opposition to the leaders in this society. Why is this? What ideas must these men have accepted to live a life of obedience, drudgery, and fear?
ANSWER SHEET AYN RAND Anthem TEST  
Name: ___________________________pd___ date___

Multiple Choice
1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 
6. 
7. 
8. 
9. 
10. 
11. 
12. 
13. 
14. 
15. 
16. 
17. 
18. 
19. 
20. 
21. 
22. 
23. 
24. 
25.

Short answers

_____________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________________