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CR30B.1

Before reading: In the space to the left of each statement, place a check mark beside the 15 statements you believe to be true.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. If someone cannot “pull her weight,” she is expendable.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. The younger we are, the more selfish we are.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. All wars are preventable.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Homo sapiens were meant to be herbivores.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. The darkness is scary because of the unknown factor.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Adult supervision is necessary in every context.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Sex is on people’s minds constantly, whether they realize it, or want it to be, or not.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Youth is wasted on the young.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. An effeminate man must be gay; straight men are masculine.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Every child has some form of the “Boogie Man.”

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. There should be a “pecking order” among siblings; it is healthy, productive, and proper for the older and bigger to dominate (“survival of the fittest”).

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. Mankind is the cruelest of all beasts, because when we hurt other people, we realize they are being hurt; when cats play with and eat mice, the cat has no idea that the mouse is in pain. This makes people the least respectable of all species (concept from Mark Twain’s *The Damned Human Race*).

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. Good authors can provide endless thinking opportunities; without them, life would be dull.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Nobel Prize winners deserve our immediate respect.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. There will always be polarity, or clashing ideological opposition, in America.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Our society needs as many laws as possible—or as necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. Having many cops is a good thing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. Domestic violence will always be.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. Divorce rates will continue to climb.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. To be truly happy and properly guided, one must have a true/traditional mother figure and a true/traditional father figure.

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. Isolation is the worst place for a prisoner.

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. There is a “beast” within each and every one of us.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. The power of the pen will always be overcome by the power of the sword.

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Most people are followers, because it is much easier to follow.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. In our minds, a constant battle is waged between good (superego) and evil (id).

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. People are motivated by their stomachs and sex drives, which are their primal instincts/ urges/desires, instead of their reasoning abilities.

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. A good leader must have charisma.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. A good leader must have intelligence.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. A good leader must have moral integrity.

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Society does not need police to keep people honest.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. People are essentially good.

\_\_\_\_\_ 32. It is human nature to want to be like everyone else—and to not tolerate outsiders.

\_\_\_\_\_ 33. The force of good is stronger than that of evil.



During and/or after reading: Now that you have chosen the 15 statements, find a quotation for each which supports the idea. Each statement should be properly documented using the author’s last name and the page number which the quotation occurs. TOTAL /30 MARKS