DIRECTIONS: Answer the following multiple choice questions by writing the letter of the best answer to the space at the left. Please be careful answering.

____ 1. What is the theme of a short story?
   A. the author’s message
   B. what the author has to say about people or about life
   C. the central idea
   D. all of the above

____ 2. What makes determining a story’s theme difficult?
   A. it has to be inferred by the reader
   B. it is an abstract concept
   C. it is delivered through the story’s images, characters and their actions, and symbols
   D. all of the above

____ 3. What does foreshadowing do for the short story?
   A. creates suspense
   B. creates a unified effect
   C. makes the ending seem inevitable
   D. all of the above

____ 4. Which of the following is NOT true regarding symbolism?
   A. symbols will be concrete; the ideas they stand for will be abstract
   B. a cat in a story could really symbolize a lion
   C. symbols will be highlighted in some way to hint to their importance
   D. all of the above are true

____ 5. Darkness, a symbol for evil, is known as what kind of symbol?
   A. a universal symbol
   B. a private symbol
   C. a primary symbol
   D. a secondary symbol

____ 6. The repetition and description of the box in “The Lottery” is considered what kind of symbol?
   A. a universal symbol
   B. a private symbol
   C. a primary symbol
   D. a secondary symbol
7. Which of the following is verbal irony?
   A. when something happens is the opposite of what is intended or expected
   B. when the audience knows something the character doesn’t
   C. when a character says the opposite of what s/he means
   D. none of the above

8. Which of the following is situational irony?
   A. when something happens is the opposite of what is intended or expected
   B. when the audience knows something the character doesn’t
   C. when a character says the opposite of what s/he means
   D. none of the above

9. Which of the following is dramatic irony?
   A. when something happens is the opposite of what is intended or expected
   B. when the audience knows something the character doesn’t
   C. when a character says the opposite of what s/he means
   D. none of the above

10. “The Lottery” contains a good example of which type of irony?
    A. verbal irony
    B. situational irony
    C. dramatic irony
    D. none of the above

BONUS: Who wrote “The Gift of the Magi”? 