

**Part (A) Reading Comprehension**

1. How many days had Santiago gone without catching a fish?
 - a) Forty-four.
 - b) Eighty-four.
 - c) Sixty-four.
 - d) Ninety-four.
2. What did the villagers whisper about Santiago?
 - a) That he was a hero.
 - b) That he was cursed with bad luck.
 - c) That he was too rich to fish.
 - d) That he should stop fishing.
3. Who was Manolin?
 - a) Santiago's son.
 - b) A young fisherman from another boat.
 - c) A boy who had fished with Santiago since childhood.
 - d) A visitor from Havana.
4. Why did Manolin leave Santiago's boat?
 - a) He wanted to fish alone.
 - b) His parents made him join a luckier boat.
 - c) Santiago sent him away.
 - d) He lost interest in fishing.
5. What did Manolin do every evening?
 - a) He brought food and helped Santiago with his gear.
 - b) He went to play baseball.
 - c) He laughed with the other fishermen.
 - d) He practiced sailing with his friends.
6. What sport did Santiago love to talk about?
 - a) Football.
 - b) Baseball.
 - c) Boxing.
 - d) Horse racing.
7. Who was Santiago's hero in baseball?
 - a) Babe Ruth.
 - b) Jackie Robinson.
 - c) Joe DiMaggio.
 - d) Mickey Mantle.
8. What did Santiago plan for the eighty-fifth day?
 - a) To rest.
 - b) To borrow another boat.
 - c) To go far out into the sea to find a big fish.
 - d) To fish near the shore.