Multiple Choice Questions over “A Sound of Thunder”

1. The hunters are allowed to kill dinosaurs that have been marked with red paint because those dinosaurs
   a. aren't real.
   b. have only one brain.
   c. are the easiest to kill.
   d. are about to die anyway.

2. What leads Eckels to stray off the path?
   a. panic
   b. curiosity
   c. anger
   d. necessity

3. In the story, which of the following actually changes the future?
   a. a butterfly's natural death
   b. a butterfly's unnatural death
   c. a dinosaur's natural death
   d. a dinosaur's unnatural death

4. The story suggests that, had Eckels shot the red-painted dinosaur instead of panicking, history would have been changed
   a. for the better.
   b. in unpredictable ways.
   c. for the worse.
   d. in no significant or noticeable way.

5. At the end of the story, what event does the sound of thunder strongly hint at?
   a. the end of the world
   b. Travis's shooting Eckels
   c. the butterfly's death
   d. Eckels's shooting himself

6. We associate primeval animals with
   a. farming.
   b. nighttime.
   c. the distant past.

7. What do legislators do when they revoke a law?
   a. pass it
   b. rewrite it
   c. do away with it
8. A field of wheat would **undulate** because of
   a. a breeze.
   b. sunshine.
   c. a plant disease.

9. Which is most **resilient**?
   a. steel
   b. wood
   c. rubber

10. **Expendable** supplies are those one can
    a. carry.
    b. consume.
    c. do without.

11. The path through the jungle is mainly intended to
    a. prevent history from changing.
    b. protect the hunters from dinosaurs.
    c. protect the dinosaurs from hunters.
    d. make it easier to walk through the jungle.

12. Which of the following beliefs leads Eckels to decide against trying to kill the
dinosaur?
    a. There is no way that the dinosaur can be killed.
    b. There is nothing to be gained from killing the dinosaur.
    c. It would be wrong to kill such a magnificent beast.
    d. The chances that the dinosaur's death will change history are too great.

13. All of the following are reasons that Travis becomes angry with Eckels for
    stepping off the path except that
    a. Eckels has disobeyed Travis's orders.
    b. Travis fears that Eckels may have changed history.
    c. Travis fears that Time Safari will have to go out of business.
    d. Travis fears that they won't be allowed to return to their own world.

14. At the end of the story, Eckels gets the first clue that things may be changed
    when he
    a. gets out of the machine.
    b. sees the sign on the wall.
    c. sees the butterfly on his shoe.
    d. talks to the man behind the desk.