

Evidenced-Based Selected Response
The Hollow Men

1a. Which of the following sentences best states an important theme about “The Hollow Men” as described in the text?

- a. Modern people revel in a life full of meaning and variety.
- b. Modern people are paralyzed by a lack of meaning in their barren lives.
- c. Modern life is quiet, pastoral, and productive.
- d. Modern people are hopeful that their violent world can be fixed.

1b. Which two quotations **best** support the answer for Part A?

- a. “Shape without form, shade without colour, / Paralyse force, gesture without motion” (11-12)
- b. “As the hollow men / The stuffed men” (17-18)
- c. “the eyes are / Sunlight on a broken column” (22-23)
- d. “In this valley of dying stars” (54)
- e. “Life is very long” (83)
- f. “*This is the way the world ends / Not with a bang but a whimper*” (97-98)

2a. The imagery in lines 39-51 conveys what about the hollow men’s existence?

- a. The hollow men are self-absorbed.
- b. The hollow men are alienated.
- c. The hollow men are responsible.
- d. The hollow men are confused.

2b. Which image from the text **best** illustrates the hollow men’s existence?

- a. “cactus land” (40)
- b. “stone images” (41)
- c. “fading star” (44)
- d. “trembling with tenderness” (49)

1a. B

1b. A, B

2a. B

2b. A