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Assessment 30A: New-Read Assessment 2

Directions: Read the poem “Heart to Heart” by Rita Dove (<http://witeng.link/0786>). Then, answer the questions.

1. How is this poem **different** from prose?
 - a. It ends each line with a rhyming word.
 - b. It repeats a refrain or a chorus.
 - c. It uses line breaks to emphasize ideas.
 - d. It explores a main idea or topic.
2. How can you tell when a new stanza starts?
 - a. Each stanza ends with a period.
 - b. Each stanza makes a complete sentence.
 - c. A rhyming word is used to close each stanza.
 - d. A line break with a blank line separates each stanza.
3. What is the focus of the first stanza?
 - a. Dove shares her own feelings.
 - b. Dove tells what a heart cannot do.
 - c. Dove describes what a heart looks like.
 - d. Dove lists what a heart does in the body.
4. Which is the **best** summary of this poem’s purpose?
 - a. to ask a question and give an answer
 - b. to describe a place or a scene
 - c. to discuss an idea
 - d. to tell a story

5. Read this metaphor from the poem:

“I feel it inside
its cage sounding
a dull tattoo”

This metaphor means that the speaker feels

- a. her heart beating in her ribs.
 - b. constant love for her partner.
 - c. how much pain she has had.
 - d. trapped in old feelings.
6. Choose the answer with the quotation that is correctly punctuated.
- a. In her poem, Dove writes that the heart is “just a thick clutch / of muscle.”
 - b. In her “poem,” Dove writes that the heart is “just a thick clutch / of muscle.”
 - c. In her poem, Dove writes ‘that the heart is just a thick clutch / of muscle.’
 - d. In her poem, Dove writes that the heart is just a thick clutch / of muscle.

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7. Poems can be described as dramatic, lyric, or narrative.
- A **dramatic** poem is like a little play, with speaking characters.
 - A **lyric** poem expresses personal thoughts and feelings.
 - A **narrative** poem tells a story.

Which kind of poem is “Heart to Heart”? How do you know?

8. In the poem “Heart to Heart,” does Rita Dove describe a literal heart, a figurative heart, or both? Use evidence from the poem to support your answer. Be sure to use the correct punctuation when quoting directly from the poem.
