

## SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *The Stranger*

### Part I Chapter numbers are indicated in ( ).

1. Who is the narrator of *The Stranger*? (1)
2. What does Meursault do in the opening chapter? (1)
3. What is Meursault's reaction to his mother's death? (1)
4. Who does Meursault encounter at the beach? (2)
5. How do Meursault and Marie spend the Saturday after the funeral? (2)
6. What kind of a movie do they go see?(2)
7. Identify Emmanuel, Celeste, Raymond and Salamano. (3)
8. What does Meursault think of Salamano's relationship with his dog? (3)
9. What insights do we gain into Meursault's character judging from his interactions with Salamano and Raymond? (3)
10. What does Raymond want Meursault to do for him? (3)
11. Why do the police come to Raymond's room? (4)
12. What happens to Salamano's dog? How does Salamano react?(4)
13. Meursault tells his boss that "people never change their lives, that in any case one life is as good as another." What do we learn about Meursault from this statement? (5)
14. How does Meursault respond when Marie asks if he loves her? (5)
15. Who is Masson, and why does Meursault go to his beach house? (6)
16. How does Raymond get hurt? (6)
17. Why does Meursault return to the beach and to the rock by the water? (6)
18. What does Meursault do when he encounters the Arab at the rock? Why? (6)

### Part II

1. What about Meursault upsets and frustrates his lawyer and the magistrate? (1)
2. What does the magistrate use to try to break through to Meursault's feelings of remorse or sadness? (1)
3. Why is Marie only allowed to visit Meursault one time? Does Meursault seem to care whether or not she comes back to visit? (2)
4. How does Meursault pass his time in prison? (2)
5. At Meursault's trial, why is so much made of his conduct at his mother's funeral? (3)
6. What does Celeste say concerning the murder? (3)
7. What is Marie's testimony and how does it hurt Meursault's case? (3)
8. What defense did Meursault's lawyer present? (4)
9. What was the jury's verdict? (4)
10. What does Meursault tell the chaplain? (5)
11. What does Meursault try to explain to the chaplain after he becomes angry? (6)