TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
Name __________________________
Date __________________________
Score __________________________
(55 points possible)

I. Fill in (30 points)
While passing the 1.) _____________, on their way to the pageant, Scout tells Jem that Boo doesn’t mean anyone any harm and the two laugh about their outmoded fear of 2.) “______________ and Hot Steams.” 3.) ______________ jumps out and scares them. After the pageant is over, 4.) ______________, who at first think Cecil is following them, are attacked by a grown man. Scout sees someone carry 5.) ______________ to their house. 6.) ______________ assures Scout that Jem isn’t dead, that he has only a bump on his head and a broken arm. When 7.) ______________ arrives, he announces that 8.) ______________ is lying on the ground dead. While Scout recounts the events of the attack, she realizes the man who had saved them both is 9.) ______________. With tears in her eyes, she greets him. Taking Boo with her, Scout joins the sheriff and Atticus on the front porch. Against Atticus’ protests, Sheriff Tate declares that Ewell’s death was an 10.) ______________, finally making Atticus understand that it wasn’t 11.) ______________ who killed Ewell -it was Boo Radley, who must be protected from the neighbors’ gratitude. Scout agrees with the sheriff’s decision, telling Atticus that to subject Boo to public attention would be “like shootin’ a 12.) ______________.” After she takes Boo in to say good night to 13.) ______________ and then walks him home, Scout realizes, just by standing on Boo’s porch, how 14.) “______________” he had been and, with sadness, that she and Jem had given him 15.) ______________ in return. As she falls asleep, Atticus tells her that “Most people are nice when you finally see them.”

II. Short Answer (25 points)

1. Scout is confused by Miss Gates’ obvious hatred of Hitler for persecuting the Jews since at the same time Miss Gates thinks Tom Robinson’s conviction was a “good lesson” for the Negroes. When Scout asks Jem to explain this disparity to her, he flies into a rage, screaming at Scout never to mention the courthouse to him again. If Scout had asked for the explanation, what would you have told her?

2. After Jem tries to comfort Scout for coming on stage at the wrong time, what does Scout realize about Jem.
3. What does the sheriff say the townspeople, including his wife, would do if they knew the truth about who killed Bob Ewell? What does the sheriff say would be a sin?

4. In essence, Sheriff Tate “covers up” the murder of Bob Ewell by saying it was an accident. Was the sheriff right to do so? Explain.

5. As Scout returns home after leaving the Radley Place, she comments that she didn't think she and Jem had much left to learn but algebra. What has Scout learned from the episodes she recounts? What have you learned from having read about Scout’s experiences?

III. Extra Credit: True/False (8 points)

_______ 1. Aunt Alexandra declares that Scout cannot be friends with Walter Cunningham because he is “trash.”

_______ 2. Atticus reveals that Tom Robinson is dead, that he committed suicide.

_______ 3. Scout is confused by her teacher’s conflicting attitudes about prejudice.

_______ 4. Before Scout and Jem leave for the Halloween pageant, Aunt Alexandra begs them not to go.

_______ 5. After the children are attacked, Sheriff Tate announces that Bob Ewell’s son, Burris, is lying dead in the street.

_______ 6. When Scout realizes the “countryman” in Jem’s room is Boo Radley, she runs to Atticus for protection.

_______ 7. Sheriff Tate insists that he will call the killing an accident in order to protect Jem.

_______ 8. Scout regrets that she and Jem never gave anything in return to Boo Radley for his acts of neighborliness toward them.