

## Answer Key.

### The Shell Man ("The Voyage Out"- "Mdisho of the Mwanumwezi", p. 1-77)

#### QUIZ. Choose the right answer. More than one option may be correct.

1. A sundowner is \_\_\_ **a. an evening drink** \_\_\_ (chota peg: a drink at any other time)
2. "Mensahib" means \_\_\_ **d. wife** \_\_\_
3. Choose synonyms for "crazy": \_\_\_ **dotty, barmy, have a maggot in the brain** \_\_\_ (maggot: gusano de mosca, scarecrow: espantapájaros, bounder: canalla)
4. Choose the words that have a similar meaning to the adjective "fat": \_ **stocky, pot-bellied** \_\_\_ (wink: guiñar el ojo, trim: esbelto, elegante, scrawny: esmirriado, vapid: soso -persona- )
5. Which words refer to some kind of walking?: \_\_\_ **go swooshing, to crawl, to gallop, to go prancing by, to hop, to go scampering about** \_\_\_ (to crawl: andar a gatas, arrastrarse, to go prancing by: dar brincos, to hop: dar saltitos, brincar, to wave (an arm), to gape: mirar boquiabierto, to go scampering about: corretear)
6. Which words refer to some kind of bed? \_\_\_ **berth, bunk** \_\_\_ (daft: bobo, stool: banqueta, taburete, berth: litera (tren, etc) / camarote, bunk: litera, deck: cubierta de barco, port-hole: portilla, canter: medio galope, chuckers: game of polo)
7. A "boy" can be your son but, if you live in East Africa, he can also be your \_ (native) **servant** \_\_\_
8. Mussolini sent \_\_\_ **girls** \_\_\_ to his soldiers in Abyssinia to boost their morale. (shotgun: escopeta)
9. A piece of machinery that converts the leaves of the sisal plant into fibres for making rope: \_\_\_ **Decorticator** \_ (Prong: diente -of a rake:rastrillo on p.28, of a pole:palo on p. 48-, Rod: barra - p.46-)
10. British district officers in Tanganyika \_\_\_-p. 31- **Acted as judges, Were advisers to tribal chiefs, Gave medicines, Kept law and order** \_\_\_
11. Cubs are \_\_\_ **Baby lions** \_\_\_
12. Which of the following are "snakes"? \_\_\_ **Black / green mamba, Cobra, Adder** (víbora) -p. 41- \_\_\_ (Partridge: perdiz, Moth: polilla, mariposa nocturna, Lizard: lagarto, lagartija)
13. A front room is the same as \_\_\_ **A living-room** \_\_\_ (An eaves: alero del tejado, A veranda: porche)
14. In 1939, a soldier in the King's African Rifles, the KAR, was called \_\_\_ **An askari** \_-p.55-
15. At the beginning of World War II, Dahl was in charge of \_\_\_ **A platoon of askaris, Rifles, A machine gun** \_\_\_
16. As soon as the war was declared, all male Germans were to be \_\_\_ **Rounded up and put into the prison camp** \_\_\_
17. How did Dahl know that the war had started? **Telephone call**
18. At the beginning of the war, Dahl \_\_\_ **Didn't kill anybody** \_

#### General comprehension:

1. Tell the story of Major Griffiths. What did he and his wife look like? What did he like doing early in the morning? Did he like Polo? **(Going Solo, p. 4-8)**
2. Miss Trefusis: Where did she live? What was peculiar about her? Which famous person had she met? **(p. 8-11)**
3. U. N. Savory: Was it a ship? What was peculiar about U. N. Savory? **(p. 12-18)**
4. What did Dar es Salaam look like? **(p. 22-23)**
5. List animals R. Dahl could see in Tanganyika. **(lizards, moths, lions, snakes ... p. 26, 39)**
6. At District Officer Sanford's house, the cook's wife was attacked by a lion. What happened? **(p. 35-40)**
7. In Tanganyika, in 1939, Dahl guarded the coast road going South towards Portuguese East Africa. Why? What happened to him and his men on that road? **(p. 56-66)**
8. In 1939 Dahl possessed a sword /sɔ:d/ protected by a scabbard. Tell the whole story of this sword **(p. 67-73)**