1. Which of the following is NOT a likely inference based on the information in the short story?

(C) Despite his sense of humor about it, Tennessee was a man who truly feared the law.

Why? Choice A seems true, as is evidenced by the frequent usage of guns. Choices D and E are almost explicitly stated in the text. That leaves B and C. Here, you have to make a judgment call. We don't know if Tennessee's partner values Tennessee more than his wife, but it certainly seems so, since he welcomed him back with open arms. With Choice C, however, we know that Tennessee couldn't have feared the law that much, considering the text called him "fearless" as he approached the law man, and he had no problem committing crimes time and again.

2. This passage is narrated from the point of view of

(A) A nameless resident of Sandy Bar

Why? This story is told in first person, meaning that the writer uses the words "I" and "me" when telling the story – he or she is included as part of the story. However, we never find out his or her name, but we do know where he or she lives: Sandy Bar. Although many places are named, the place of residence in question is brought up in line 2.

3. In line 15 of the passage, the word "procure" most nearly means

(B) acquire

Why? Take out the word "procure", and insert your own word into the sentence. Did you choose something like "get" or "find"? The synonym for those two words is Choice B, acquire. Choice C is a distractor…although he could have gone to "attract" a wife, it is not a synonym of procure.

4. Which of the following questions does the passage NOT supply enough information to answer?

(C) While it lasted, was the marriage between Tennessee's Partner and his wife a happy one?

Why? To answer this type of question, simply go through the answer choices and try to answer the posed questions. Choices A, D, and E are explicitly stated in the text. Choice B requires some inference, but it's easy. Choice C, however, is indeterminate. The text actually even says in line 24 "Of their married felicity but little is known". Felicity = happiness; thus, we don't know if they had a happy marriage or not.
5. **The author uses which of the following in this sentence:** "Their indignation might have found vent in sarcasm but for a certain look in Tennessee’s Partner’s eye that indicated a lack of humorous appreciation."

**(E) Understatement**

**Why?** Understatement, a figure of speech in which a writer or a speaker deliberately makes a situation seem less important or serious than it is, is used here perfectly to describe the look in Tennessee's Partner's eye. We're told that he's a grave, serious man, so if he "lacks humorous appreciation" at the boys laughing at him, it really means he was shooting them very deadly looks. The other figurative language is absent from the sentence.