

Choose the best answer.

It was a grey autumn day and the sky was full of large black clouds. All day I had ridden through flat and uninteresting countryside, but at last, as it began to grow dark, I saw the end of my journey.

There, in front of me, stood the House of Usher. And at once – I do (1) **never / not / no / nor** know why – a strange feeling of (2) **low / full / whole / deep** gloom came down on me and (3) **pushed / swallowed / covered / buried** me like a blanket. I looked (4) **above / like / up / for** at the old house with its (5) **high / tall / long / thin** stone walls and narrow windows. I (6) **saw / looked / watched / turned** around at the thin dry grass (7) **with / and / where / also** the old dying trees, and an (8) **ice / icily / icing / icy** hand seemed to take hold of (9) **my / mine / me / the** heart. I felt cold and sick, (10) **but / although / and / despite** could not think of one happy (11) **thinking / thought / thoughts / though** to chase away my gloom.

Why, (12) **was / I / I'd / I've** wondered, did the House of Usher (13) **make / made / makes / making** me feel so sad? I could (14) **look for / remember / feel / find** no answer.

There was a lake (15) **beside / next / between / far** to the house and I rode (16) **my / a / some / one** horse up to the edge and (17) **parked / stopped / braked / landed**. Perhaps from here the house would (18) **stop / didn't / not / never** seem so sad, so full of (19) **gloom / grey / dark / black**. I looked down into the mirror (20) **at / of / for / on** dark, still water, and saw again (21) **that / this / the / them** empty, eye-like windows of the (22) **castle / garden / flat / house** and the dying trees all around (23) **it / them / that / about**. The feeling of gloom was stronger (24) **than / for / to / at** ever.

It was in this house (25) **what / which / that / who** I was going to spend the (26) **last / after / a / next** few weeks. Its owner, Roderick Usher, (27) **has / was / is / had** been a good friend of mine (28) **that / when / once / before** I was a boy. I had (29) **never / been / not / just** seen him for many years, but (30) **recently / immediately / slowly / currently** he had sent me a letter – a sad and terrible letter. He wrote that he was ill, ill in body and ill in mind; that he wanted and needed to see me. I was his only friend, the only person who could help him in his illness.

- ANSWERS
1. not
  2. deep
  3. covered
  4. up
  5. high
  6. looked
  7. and
  8. icy
  9. my
  10. and
  11. thought
  12. I
  13. make
  14. find
  15. next
  16. my
  17. stopped
  18. not
  19. gloom
  20. of
  21. the
  22. house
  23. it
  24. than
  25. that
  26. next
  27. had
  28. when
  29. not
  30. recently