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***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** **by Stephen Chbosky**

**Test #1 (C2, 20%)**

**Parts I and II**

**On a loose-leaf, answer all of the following questions in complete sentences. To receive full marks, you must provide specific textual evidence from the novel (if needed). Each question is worth 5 points.**

1. Define the term “wallflower,” and explain why Bill calls Charlie this term. Provide reference(s) from the novel that demonstrate(s) how Charlie is a wallflower.
2. What does Bill mean by "We accept the love we think we deserve" (p. 24)? How can this relate to when Charlie’s mom tells the sister that she should not ever call anyone her “whole world” (p. 25)?
3. Explain the following quotation: “Not everyone has a sob (sad) story, Charlie, even if they do, it’s no excuse” (p. 28). Who says this quote, in regard to what situation (explain it), and how can the quote personally affect this character?
4. Think about the way Charlie idolizes Sam. In your opinion, is Charlie really **in** love with Sam or is he just infatuated with her? What does Charlie’s interaction with Sam reveal about his character? Please provide textual evidence from the novel to back up your statements.
5. Why does Brad get stoned and drunk all the time? What causes him to turn to these vices?
6. Think about the poem that Charlie reads to his friends during the Secret Santa Exchange evening. Explain three ways that the poem and its content connect with Charlie and to *The Perks of Being a Wallflower.*
7. Describe Charlie’s relationship with his Aunt Helen. What happened to Aunt Helen, and what were the effects on Charlie?
8. At the end of Part II, Charlie writes, “It’s like when you are excited about a girl and you see a couple holding hands, and you feel so happy for them. And other times you see the same couple, and they make you so mad. And all you want is to always feel happy for them because you know that if you do, then it means that you’re happy, too” (p. 96). Using this quotation, explain how Charlie’s personality has **not** progressed throughout the novel so far. Provide two other examples from the text to back up your statement.

**Bonus Question (1 point):**

One of the books Charlie is given is *Catcher in the Rye.* Why is this novel “appropriate for this time” (p. 75)?