“The Path Through the Cemetery” by Leonard Q. Ross- Skills Check Questions

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**Record answers on separate paper.**

1. What is the underlying tone of the villagers’ comments about Ivan being terrible?
2. Frightened
3. Encouraging
4. Sarcastic
5. Irritating
6. Readers can infer that Ivan did not take the path home to his shack because:
7. He enjoyed long, leisurely walks instead.
8. He did not wish to disrupt the peace of the dead in the cemetery.
9. The path saved many minutes and was an excellent short cut.
10. He was afraid of the cemetery and perhaps the spirits that might haunt it.
11. In the sentence, “Ivan’s sickly protest only fed their taunts,” what does the word ***taunts*** most likely mean?
12. Derisions
13. Compliments
14. Salutations
15. Commendations
16. Which choice best describes what readers know for sure about why Ivan took the Lieutenant’s challenge that night?
17. He was drinking vodka and made a poor choice.
18. He was tempted by the offer of money that he could use to spruce up his shack.
19. He wanted to prove that he was not afraid of anything.
20. It is unclear why he decided to take the challenge.
21. In what way does the end of this story employ the use of irony as a literary element?
22. Ivan was always afraid of the cemetery, so it was ironic that he took the Lieutenant’s challenge.
23. Readers expect that Ivan will be fine and that he was nervous for no reason, so it is ironic when he does not survive.
24. Ivan is afraid of the cemetery so it is ironic that something terrible happened to him there.
25. The story was ironic for the Lieutenant because he ended up owing Ivan 5 gold rubles.
26. Literally, what had an implacable hold on Ivan?
27. Vodka
28. Gold
29. A ghost
30. A saber

Short Response

1. Explain how Leonard Q. Ross used indirect characterization to develop Ivan.
2. What role did fear play in Ivan’s death?