

**Part II:** Answer any **five** of the questions below based on Kate Chopin’s short story “Desiree’s Baby.” Cite supporting evidence to justify the reasons for your answers.

1. In a contest sponsored by a commercial company, *Desiree* has won \$100,000. Describe what *Desiree* will do with the money.
2. *Desiree* is looking for true love. What qualities will *Desiree* look for in the ideal mate? What characteristics make a person the perfect partner? How do you know?
3. *Desiree* wants to buy a new house. What type of home will *Desiree* buy? How much will it cost? Where will it be located? What kind of landscaping will it have?
4. You offer to give *Desiree* a ticket to any type of sporting event *Desiree* would enjoy seeing. What type of sporting event would *Desiree* choose? Why?
5. You are the director of a movie based upon the literary work which you have just read. Whom will you cast in the role of *Desiree*? Why?
6. *Desiree* has just entered a restaurant that serves every type of food in the world. The waiter asks *Desiree*, “What would you like to order this evening?” *Desiree* replies: “.....”  
Explain the choice.
7. You are giving a costume party. What costume will *Desiree* choose to wear to your party? Explain why *Desiree* would choose this particular outfit.
8. You have just invented a time machine and you offer *Desiree* the opportunity to travel anywhere “anywhere.” What choice will *Desiree* make? Why? Explain.
9. Oh, no! *Desiree* has just been presented with an arrest warrant. Whatever for? Describe the crime *Desiree* has committed, and how *Desiree* will react to the police.
10. Ho! Ho! Ho! You drew *Desiree’s* name for the traditional Christmas gift exchange. Your selected gift must be an abstract quality -- not a fast car, not a fancy stereo, not jewelry, not an exotic vacation -- only the intangible. What will you give *Desiree* and why? Explain.
11. As an experienced garbage collector, you have learned that garbage is a good indication of someone’s personality, their likes and dislikes. Describe the types of garbage you are likely to find at *Desiree’s* house, and what that garbage reveals about *Desiree*.
12. Boo hoo. *Desiree* is dead and buried, but not forgotten. What kind of funeral or other service would *Desiree* want? What epitaph on what style tombstone? Where, how, what manner should mark *Desiree’s* passing? Explain.
13. Safely buried? Dead and gone? Not quite. Moments later *Desiree* awakened wearing a strange new persona. Yes, *Desiree* has been reincarnated! Who is *Desiree* this time around. Explain.

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