

CANON CLASSICS
END-OF-BOOK TEST
ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF IVAN DENISOVICH

NAME: _____

SCORE: _____ / 24 pts.

THE BOOK:¹ *Answer the questions below.*

1. *What in the author's own experience gave him the background to write the novel (2 pts.)*

2. *What providential circumstances allowed this novel to be published in the Soviet Union? (4 pts.)*

THE PLOT: *Answer the questions below quickly and succinctly.*

3. *Why doesn't Shukhov want to get out of bed on this particular day? What forces him to get up? (2 pts.)*

4. *What kind of work is Shukhov assigned to do on this day that gives him satisfaction? (2 pts.)*

5. *At the end of the novel, we read, "A lot of good things had happened that day." Name at least two of them. (2 pts.)*

6. *What perspective does Alyoshka the Baptist give to Shukhov at the end of the day? (2 pts.)*

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THE WORLDVIEW: *Please complete the following essay questions on the back of this test or a separate sheet of paper. Be specific and detailed in your answers, showing original thought and creativity (e.g., don't just regurgitate the Worldview Guide.)*

7. *Which characters in the novel are held up for admiration? Describe at least three characters worth imitating in some way. What good qualities do they embody? (6 pts.)*

7. *Essay 2: How do we see glimpses of Christian truth breaking through amidst the bleak world of the prison camp? Describe at least three ways. (6 pts.)*