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Of Mice and Men Chapters 3 & 4 Vocabulary The Magic Box

Directions: The object of this assignment is to familiarize yourself with these vocabulary words from Chapters 3 & 4. The first column (with the letters) is comprised entirely of the terms. The second and third columns (with the numbers) contain the definitions for those terms. You are to place the number of the definition with the corresponding letter of the term in the chart at the bottom. If you are correct, the definition numbers in each column and row should add up to the very same number. This is the “magic” number. Don’t forget to fill it in the blank.

Terms:

- A. barrel
- B. bemused
- C. candy wagon
- D. chamber
- E. cower
- F. defensive
- G. derision
- H. does
- I. ejector
- J. loaded shell
- K. magazine
- L. receptive
- M. reprehensible
- N. rheumatism
- O. slug
- P. aloof
- Q. appraised
- R. contemptuously
- S. hame
- T. keg
- U. mauled
- V. meager
- W. riveter
- X. subsided
- Y. twict

Definitions:

- 1. the part of the gun that holds the bullets
- 2. preoccupied or deep in thought
- 3. full or scorn
- 4. the mechanism of a gun that throws out the empty cartridge of a fired bullet
- 5. a sharp sudden punch
- 6. to shrink and tremble from fear
- 7. distant; removed
- 8. the act of making fun or laughing at a person
- 9. a tool used to fasten small metal bolts/pins to hold leather pieces together
- 10. a painful health condition involving the joints and muscles
- 11. the piece along the side of a horse collar to which the trace chains are attached
- 12. an unfired bullet
- 13. worn-out, torn, or treated harshly/clumsily
- 14. able and willing to listen to and accept information/new ideas
- 15. a crew bus or truck used for transporting people
- 16. female rabbits
- 17. became less excited/calmed down
- 18. a single drink, especially of alcohol
- 19. the long part of a gun through which the bullet travels when it is fired
- 20. judged
- 21. of poor quality or small amount
- 22. deserving of a reprimand or criticism
- 23. the part of the gun that holds the next bullet to be shot
- 24. a small barrel
- 25. to be on guard against verbal or physical attack

The Magic Box:

The Magic Number is: _____.

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