Self-check CU1M4 Look at Your Fish

1. As an instructor, Agassiz…:

offers a crystal clear, multimedia presentation.

Correct Answer: tells Scudder to look at a fish.

seems caring, available and sensitive to his student's feelings.

is supportive throughout.

2. Faced with the "ancient and fish-like smell," why does Scudder say "I really dared not show any aversion within these sacred precincts, and treated the alcohol as though it were pure water"?

Because he was thirsty.

Correct Answer: Because being allowed the kind of education that Agassiz could provide was a rare honor.

Because ancient fish don't smell all that bad after all.

Because his friends had told him that Agassiz was in need of human cadavers and was not "terribly picky."

3. Scudder tells Agassiz that he wants to study…:

bears.

mammals.

fish.

Correct Answer: insects.

4. Why did Agassiz tell Scudder almost nothing about why he was to stare at the fish?

Correct Answer: Agassiz didn't want to influence Scudder's discovery.

Agassiz had important work of his own to attend to.

Agassiz didn't want to waste time in discussion.

Agassiz wanted to break Scudder's spirit.

5. Why is it ironic when Scudder writes, "In ten minutes I had seen all that could be seen in that fish…"?

Correct Answer: Because he was going to spend several more days doing nothing more than stare at the same fish.

It wasn't ironic, it was absolutely true.

Because of the smell.

Because Agassiz has told him exactly what his experience with the fish would lead to.