

the music to set my cranium resonating, but hardly dead. Midnight snack is Wheat Thins and Monterey Jack, accompanied by cheap white wine on ice and whatever AMC has to offer. To bed by 1:30 or 2:00, up at 9:00 or 10:00, read (165) for an hour while my uniform whirls around in the landlord's washing machine, and then it's another eight hours spent following Mao's central instruction, as laid out in the Little Red Book, which was: Serve the people.

41. Irony is most evident in the word(s)
- (A) "Happily" (line 9)
 - (B) "unwarranted" (line 9)
 - (C) "toil" (line 10)
 - (D) "unuttered" (line 11)
 - (E) "parallel universe" (line 11)
42. The rhetorical purpose of naming the tasks in line 68 ("stack Cheerios boxes or vacuum hotel rooms") is to
- (A) show the extent to which the author observed such jobs first-hand
 - (B) illustrate the menial tasks required of minimum-wage workers
 - (C) reinforce the author's point that drug testing in this context is unreasonable
 - (D) explain why the author decided not take a job in the grocery store
 - (E) point out that grocery-store jobs and hotel jobs are roughly equivalent
43. The insertion of "ha ha" (line 110) serves to communicate
- (A) the author's sense the irony of her own situation
 - (B) the camaraderie established between the manager and the author
 - (C) the manager's insinuation that the author lacked suitable clothing for work
 - (D) the manager's attitude toward the shirt he has issued the author
 - (E) the author's wry amusement at being asked to wear a uniform
44. The primary purpose of the paragraph that begins in line 114 is to demonstrate
- (A) the responsibility servers bear for diners' over-consumption of fatty foods
 - (B) an altruistic sensibility apparently common in this employment sector
 - (C) how food can easily become an unhealthy substitute for love or affection
 - (D) the natural tendency for employees to defy management's rules
 - (E) the need even the lowest-paid worker has to feel superior to someone else
45. The reference to "coronary school" (line 156) is an example of
- (A) satire
 - (B) pun
 - (C) euphemism
 - (D) allusion
 - (E) hyperbole