

Test Listening

“Concrete Rose” – an interview with Angie Thomas

1 You are going to hear a short interview with Angie Thomas twice. Tick the right answers below (only one answer is correct). **(Comprehension)**

1. How did readers of “The Hate U Give” react to Starr’s father Maverick?
 - a) They found him annoying.
 - b) They wanted to know more about him.
 - c) They weren’t interested in him.
2. What does Angie Thomas’ latest novel “Concrete Rose” deal with?
 - a) Time travel.
 - b) Khalil’s family.
 - c) Maverick’s story.
3. According to Thomas, what was the biggest challenge for her while writing this novel?
 - a) Writing from the perspective of a teenage boy.
 - b) Writing a character just like herself.
 - c) Writing about gang criminality.
4. How did she prepare herself for this challenge?
 - a) By working harder than before.
 - b) By interviewing authors like Jason Reynolds.
 - c) By reading books written by Black men.
5. Who did she remember while working on her new novel?
 - a) A young man with a cool car.
 - b) A teenage boy who became father to twins.
 - c) A boy and his mother on a bike.
6. What audience does Thomas have in mind while she is writing her novels?
 - a) Everybody.
 - b) Young Black people.
 - c) Black men.
7. How does she feel about making Khalil deal with her main character?
 - a) She wants to show why people get into drug dealing.
 - b) She wants to focus on the fact that he’s a gang member.
 - c) She wants to protect her readers from the unpleasant facts.
8. What does Thomas want the readers to react to the setting of “The Hate U Give”?
 - a) Garden Heights is a place you should avoid.
 - b) Garden Heights is a typical New York neighborhood.
 - c) Garden Heights reminds them of their own neighborhood.