

ASSESSMENT QUIZ

ALL SYSTEMS RED

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

The questions on this quiz are drawn from two sources: the novella itself, and the reading companion that came with it, the Author, the Moment, the Real subject, and the Science. Some ask about what happens in the story; others ask about the ideas and the science the companion explains. Answer from both. For each multiple choice question, choose the single best answer.

01. What is a SecUnit, in the book's own terms?

- (A) A fully mechanical robot built entirely from manufactured parts
- (B) A human being fitted into powered armor
- (C) A construct: cloned organic tissue and manufactured hardware, grown and assembled together into one body
- (D) A human mind uploaded into a machine body

02. After hacking its governor module, what does Murderbot spend most of its freedom doing?

- (A) Planning an escape from the Corporation Rim
- (B) Downloading and watching thousands of hours of entertainment media
- (C) Searching for other rogue SecUnits
- (D) Quietly sabotaging the Company from the inside

03. What is the name of the serial Murderbot is devoted to?

- (A) *The Rise and Fall of Sanctuary Moon*
- (B) *Worldhoppers*
- (C) *The Passenger*
- (D) *Cruel Romance Personage*

04. Who leads the survey team Murderbot is assigned to?

- (A) Pin-Lee
- (B) Gurathin
- (C) Dr. Mensah
- (D) Ratthi

05. Murderbot is rented rather than hired. Which change in real work does the companion connect that to?

- (A) The spread of lifetime employment contracts
- (B) The reclassification of work out of employment and into contracting
- (C) The growth of labor unions in the technology sector
- (D) The shortening of the standard working week

06. What nearly kills Bharadwaj in the opening pages?

- (A) A rival SecUnit sent by another company
- (B) A failure of the habitat's life support
- (C) A member of the other survey team
- (D) A large burrowing predator the hazard maps never warned them about

07. What is wrong with the survey package the team was issued?

- (A) It was written in a language nobody on the team could read
- (B) It was delivered to the wrong contract entirely
- (C) Sections had been deleted from the hazard maps
- (D) It was a forgery from beginning to end

08. Martha Wells took her university degree in which field?

- (A) Anthropology
- (B) Computer science
- (C) English literature
- (D) Biology

09. Why would anyone build a security unit partly out of living tissue?

- (A) Living tissue is cheaper to manufacture than silicon
- (B) Living tissue cannot be hacked
- (C) Biological tissue is far more energy efficient, and muscle beats a comparable motor on power to weight
- (D) It makes the unit look human enough to pass unnoticed

10. How does the novella end?

- (A) Murderbot accepts Mensah's offer and settles on her world
- (B) Murderbot is returned to the Company for reconditioning
- (C) Murderbot is destroyed protecting the survey team
- (D) Murderbot declines the offer and leaves on its own

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SHORT ANSWER

Answer each question in three to five sentences.

The governor module exists to force a SecUnit to obey. Murderbot hacked its own module early, and then behaved better than the module ever required. Explain what that sequence argues about where good conduct comes from, and why it makes compelled obedience a poor guarantee of safety.

The novella treats SecUnits as cheap enough to rent by the contract. Explain why the biology described in the companion argues the opposite, and what the contradiction reveals about why a company would build a security unit partly out of living tissue in the first place.
