“Out of My Mind” Study Guide Answers

1. How is Melody finally able to communicate?
   a. The Medi-Talker

2. What caused Melody’s condition?
   a. Cerebral Palsy

3. What is Mrs. V’s nickname for Melody?
   a. Mello Yello

4. When Melody listens to music, what does she see?
   a. She sees different colors

5. Every Christmas the kids in H-5 decorate what?
   a. Styrofoam snowman

6. Melody listened to all the books written by what author?
   a. Beverly Cleary

7. What would Melody ask the Great Oz for?
   a. To sing like the lion and dance like the tin man

8. Which subject was the first inclusion class for the students of H-5?
   a. Music

9. Why did Melody scream, kick, and jerk when her mom was about to drive her to school after her team had left her for the competition?
   a. Penny was behind the car

10. Why didn’t the team members call Melody to let her know they needed to make an earlier flight?
   a. They didn’t want her to go.
11. Why didn’t anyone tell Melody that they were going out to breakfast the morning of the flight to D.C.?
   a. They thought she would slow them down.

12. Who does Melody take to the aquarium with her family?
   a. Rose

13. Who do Melody and Rose see at the aquarium?
   a. Claire and Molly

14. What is the first thing Melody says to her parents through the Medi-Talker?
   a. I am so happy.

15. How did the stage manager help Melody prepare for the competition?
   a. He rigged a special answer board for her wheelchair.

16. What does Melody call her episodes when she loses control?
   a. Tornado explosions

17. What kind of job does Melody’s mom have?
   a. Nurse

18. What was the doctor’s opinion when he tested Melody at age 5?
   a. She was brain damaged and mentally retarded.

19. What part of Melody’s body works perfectly?
   a. Her thumbs

20. What did Melody receive for her 8th birthday?
   a. A puppy

21. How did Melody know that her mom was going to have a baby?
22. Why does Melody get mostly soft foods to eat?
   a. She can’t chew very well.

23. Who is Catherine?
   a. Melody’s student aide.

24. What national news program will the winning school team be guests on?
   a. Good Morning America

25. When the quiz team goes out to dinner, what obstacle does Melody have to overcome?
   a. She has to go up steps in her wheelchair.

26. Why did the quiz team, minus Melody, get to the airport early?
   a. They went to breakfast together.

27. In what place did Melody’s team finish in the national competition?
   a. Ninth

28. What was Melody’s main concern over Penny’s car accident?
   a. She would be messed up and have brain damage.

29. What does the team give to Melody to make up for leaving her behind?
   a. The ninth place trophy

30. What is the trophy made of?
   a. Plastic

31. What is misspelled on the trophy?
   a. The school’s name

32. What happens to the trophy?
   a. Melody hits it in her hand and it falls to the floor and breaks.