Harrison Bergeron Questions –Make sure you answer with a reason, example and explanation whenever necessary. Questions in bold do not require a reason, example and explanation. Use specific examples from the story to prove your opinions. Do good copies of # 14, 18, and 19

1. **What are the benefits to everyone being equal?**
2. **What are the drawbacks to being equal?**
3. Should everyone be equal?
4. **How do you define equality?**
5. **How is the idea of equality different in 2081 than it is today?**
6. Are the citizens in the story in 2081 truly "equal"?
7. Are citizens today truly equal?
8. How intelligent are George and Hazel Bergeron? What makes you think this?
9. What technology does George have to wear and what is its purpose?
10. **What is the penalty if someone removes their handicaps?**
11. What does George think of the handicapping system established by the government?
12. What can we infer from the fact that Hazel has tears on her cheeks but she has forgotten for the moment was caused her to cry?
13. **How are the ballerinas handicapped and why are they handicapped in the ways they are?**
14. Did Harrison's rebellion accomplish anything?
15. **Why was Harrison able to break the basic laws of gravity after freeing himself from handicaps?**
16. Why does the description of Harrison spoken by the ballerina on television indicate that he is ‘extremely dangerous’ to the government?
17. **Describe the way in which Harrison and the ballerina dance.** What does his infer about the effect of the handicaps placed upon them?
18. Why aren't George and Hazel more affected by seeing the death of their son on TV?
19. If Harrison were allowed to declare himself Emperor, how do you think he would have changed society? Would it have been better, worse, or the same?
20. What handicaps does society impose on people today? Are all talented people encouraged to develop their talents? If so, how? If not, why not?
21. Compare the situation in this story to one in the real world. Your analogy need not involve government, but may concern any authority structure. What is the author trying to tell readers about human society?