**Study Guide Questions**

***Alas Babylon* by Pat Frank**

**Directions:** Answer the following questions providing detail and depth to validate your actual reading of the novel. Be specific! You may get the chance to use this on upcoming quizzes.

**Chapter 8**

1. The lives of several people in the community, while more uncomfortable ways, are actually improved in others. Explain this.
2. Describe the system of commerce which develops after The Day.
3. What change in black and white relationships has evolved?
4. Why is the beekeeper suddenly important?
5. What effect does Jim’s generosity have on Randy?
6. What is ironic about Porky Logan’s death?
7. What new human danger threatens unprotected travelers?

**Chapter 9**

1. The burial of Porky Logan might be considered the turning point of the novel. Why?
2. What note of optimism does Dan see? Relate this to the theme of the novel.
3. What is Lib’s analysis of the problem with Helen and her solution?
4. How do the Admiral’s words reinforce the theme(s) of the novel?
5. In what way do Ben and Randy face the same decision as part of protecting their family?

**Chapter 10**

1. Why does Dan stop for the ambush?
2. Why do Randy and the Admiral exclude Lib from their strategy session? How does she establish her right to be included?
3. How do Randy and Dan differ in what they see as the greatest threat to their survival?
4. Why are there so many armadillos in Florida? How does Randy think they might be useful?
5. What positive note does the church service evoke?
6. How does Randy’s attitude toward children change during the months following The Day?