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B.A. Part-II, English (Hons.)-Paper IV *The Mayor of Casterbridge*
Objective type Questions (Multiple Choice) with answers in italicized typing

1. At the opening of the novel, what is Michael Henchard's occupation?

- Shepherd
- Farmer
- Balladeer
- *Hay-trusser*

2. To whom does Henchard sell his wife?

- A furnity-seller
- *A sailor*
- A farmer
- A nobleman

3. The morning after selling his wife, what pledge does Henchard make?

- *Not to drink for a period of twenty-one years*
- To search for her and make amends
- To chose a better wife for his second marriage
- To live the God-fearing life of a good citizen

4. Upon arriving in Casterbridge, where does Susan Henchard predict that she and Elizabeth-Jane will find Henchard?

- In the mayor's office
- *In the stocks*
- In the town's finest hotel
- In a brothel

5. Why does Henchard take such a strong and immediate liking to Donald Farfrae?

- Farfrae is a good drinking companion
- Farfrae helps Henchard avoid an uncomfortable confrontation with Susan and Elizabeth-Jane
- *Farfrae shares with Henchard a technique that makes ruined grain usable*
- Farfrae provides Henchard with some investment opportunities that promise to earn Henchard a lot of money

6. Who had Henchard arranged to hire as his business manager before meeting Farfrae?

- Christopher Coney
- Solomon Longways
- Nance Mockridge
- *Joshua Jopp*

7. How does Henchard deal with Abel Whittle's failure to report to work on time?

- He urges the man's wife to wake her husband earlier each morning
- *He humiliates the man by sending Whittle into the fields without his pants*
- He fires Whittle
- He turns the matter over to Farfrae

8. How is the "day of public rejoicing" that Henchard arranges thwarted?

- He goes on a drinking binge and botches the plans
- The visit of a Royal Personage overshadows the event
- *It rains*
- Susan takes ill, and Henchard is forced to turn his attentions to her

9. Why does Susan insist on keeping hidden the fact that Elizabeth-Jane does chores in exchange for a room at the inn?

- *She fears that news of her daughter's duties will reach the mayor and bring shame on him*
- She is embarrassed by Elizabeth-Jane's clumsiness and awkward manners
- After leaving Henchard, Susan lived a life of luxury for a time and believes that doing chores is below her daughter's station

- The innkeepers treat Elizabeth-Jane badly, and Susan wishes to spare them from the wrath of the mayor

10. In a letter written on her deathbed, what does Susan confess to her husband?

- She and Elizabeth-Jane were abused by the man to whom Henchard sold them
- She amassed a great fortune after being sold
- *Elizabeth-Jane is not his daughter but rather the child of the sailor to whom he sold them*
- She never loved him

11. Why does Henchard agree to remarry Susan rather than pursue his affair with Lucetta?

- *He believes that honoring his duties to his first wife is the best thing to do*
- He does not feel as passionately about Lucetta as he does about Susan
- The widowed Susan brings with her more substantial possessions
- He feels insecure that because Lucetta is young she will be more likely to fall in love with other men

12. Why does Henchard retract his demand that Farfrae no longer court Elizabeth-Jane?

- Henchard fears that his failing business ventures will land him in poverty, and he wants to spare Elizabeth-Jane from this fate
- *After learning the truth about her parentage, Henchard loses his affection for Elizabeth-Jane and hopes that Farfrae will marry and take her away*
- Henchard realizes that he has been wrongheaded and wishes to mend his friendship with Farfrae
- Henchard hopes to join his family to Farfrae's, thereby connecting himself to the young man's more profitable business ventures

13. What is the name of Lucetta Templeman's estate?

- The Ring
- The Three Mariners
- The Royal Arms

- *High-Place Hall*

14. What ulterior motive prompts Lucetta to invite Elizabeth-Jane to live with her?

- *She hopes Elizabeth-Jane will ensure frequent visits from Henchard*
- She has heard that Elizabeth-Jane is a skilled housekeeper and needs help maintaining her estate
- She hopes to sabotage Elizabeth-Jane's budding romance with Farfrae
- She has no ulterior motives; she is simply lonely and wants the company

15. Where did Lucetta live before moving to Casterbridge?

- London
- Paris
- *Jersey*
- Weydon-Priors

16. How does Lucetta react when Henchard demands that she end her affair with Farfrae in order to marry him?

- *She tells him that she will love whomever she chooses*
- She denies having an affair
- Fearing that her reputation will be further damaged by scandal, she agrees and gives up Farfrae
- She agrees never to see Farfrae again, but continues their affair behind Henchard's back

17. To whom does Henchard entrust Lucetta's letters?

- Elizabeth-Jane
- *Joshua Jopp*
- Nance Mockridge
- Dr. Chalkfield

18. What does Henchard persuade the town's musicians to play at the Three Mariners Inn?

- A love ballad that expresses his feelings for Lucetta
- A patriotic song that indulges his drunken sentimentality
- *A psalm to which he sets words that expresses his contempt for Farfrae*
- A folk song rumored to bring good luck to farmers

19. What is Farfrae's initial reaction when asked to be mayor of Casterbridge?

- He accepts enthusiastically
- He accepts but admits that the position is only a stepping stone for bigger and better things
- He is interested in the position but demands a raise
- *He worries that he is too young for the position*

20. What is the name of the ceremony the townspeople perform to shame Lucetta?

- A harlot's parade
- *A skimmity-ride*
- A swoon bumble
- A smutting

21. How does Lucetta react to the townspeople's attempt to shame her?

- She leaves Casterbridge immediately
- *She has an epileptic fit and dies*
- She commits suicide
- She scorns them and continues to live her life as she pleases

22. What is Henchard's official role in greeting the Royal Personage?

- *He has no official role, as Farfrae, the new mayor, has forbidden his participation in the ceremony*
- He delivers a speech expressing the citizens' gratitude and admiration
- He is a flag-bearer
- He sings the national anthem

23. What event causes Elizabeth-Jane to sever her ties with Henchard?

- She discovers that Henchard is not her biological father
- She discovers that Henchard sold her mother at a country fair
- *She discovers that Henchard stopped her from meeting her biological father by falsely reporting her death*
- After marrying Farfrae, she decides that she can no longer associate with a common hay-trusser

24. Who cares for Henchard in his dying days?

- Dr. Chalkfield
- *Abel Whittle*
- Joshua Jopp
- No one cares for the fallen mayor, and he dies in obscurity

25. To what biblical figure does Henchard compare himself in his suffering?

- *Cain*
- Jesus
- Job
- Moses

26. Whom does Susan Henchard marry?

- Mr. Newson--once
- Michael Henchard--once
- Michael Henchard and Mr. Newson
- *Michael Henchard--twice*

27. Who are Elizabeth Jane's parents?

- Susan and Michael Henchard
- *Susan Henchard and Mr. Newson*
- Susan and Donald Farfrae

- Lucetta and Donald Farfrae

28. Why do Susan and Elizabeth Jane first come to Casterbridge?

- They are searching for Michael Henchard*
- They are searching for Mr. Farfrae
- They are searching for Mr. Newson
- A local landlord has offered them jobs at his inn

29. Whom does Lucetta Templeman marry?

- Mr. Jopp
- Mr. Newson
- Mr. Farfrae*
- Mr. Henchard

30. Which description best portrays Lucetta?

- pretty, scheming, cynical, calm
- pretty, highly-strung, loving*
- plain, loving, loyal, religious
- pretty, hard-working, greedy

31. Which description best portrays Elizabeth Jane?

- plain, loyal, loving, slow-witted
- pretty, vain, nervous, kind
- pretty, long-suffering, smart*
- plain, intelligent, religious

32. Which description best portrays Michael Henchard?

- He is generally cheerful and kind, but not very intelligent
- He is deeply flawed but the reader feels sorry for him*
- He is a better-than-average husband and father
- He is a thorough villain with no redeeming qualities at all

33. What does Henchard's will say?

- that Elizabeth Jane is his biological daughter
- It explains the whole saga of Susan, Lucetta, and himself
- It gives instructions for a simple pauper's funeral
- that no one should mourn for or remember him*

34. How does Henchard learn that his house was sold to Farfrae?

- Elizabeth-Jane tells him.
- He hears the town gossip.
- He reads about it in the Casterbridge Chronicle.
- Jopp tells him.*

35. What does Henchard include with the note he sends back to Susan?

- A dried flower
- Five guineas*
- Her necklace
- Her wedding ring

36. What does Susan throw at Michael when she leaves with the sailor who bought her?

- A Bible
- A book of poems
- A necklace
- Her wedding ring*

37. What nickname do the Casterbridge townspeople give to Susan?

- Bluebeard
- Miss Le Sueur
- The Ghost*
- The Gold Digger

38. When Susan and Michael first meet in secret, what are his first words to her?

- "Can you forgive me?"
- "I don't drink."*
- "Why did you come here?"
- "Why did you leave me?"

39. When Susan and Elizabeth-Jane first arrive in Casterbridge, where do they stay?

- At Michael's estate
- In a cottage on High Street
- The King's Arms Hotel
- The Three Mariners Inn*

40. Which two characters does Henchard secretly meet at the Ring?

- Elizabeth-Jane and Lucetta
- Susan and Elizabeth-Jane

- *Susan and Lucetta*
- Susan and the furmity woman

41. Who is Henchard speaking of when he says, "... how that fellow does draw me, ... I suppose 'tis because I'm so lonely"?

- Abel Whittle
- *Donald Farfrae*
- Joshua Jopp
- Mayor Chalkfield

42. Who reveals to the people of Casterbridge that Henchard sold his wife?

- Donald
- Mr. Newson
- Susan
- *The furmity woman*

43. Who says the following: "I won't be a slave to the past — I'll love where I choose."

- Donald
- *Lucetta*
- Michael
- Susan

44. Who sent the anonymous notes that brought Elizabeth-Jane and Donald together at Durnover Hill?

- Lucetta
- Michael
- *Susan*
- The furmity woman

45. Why does Farfrae at first refuse Henchard's job offer?

- He has a job waiting for him in Weydon-Priors.
- He is on his way to see his dying mother.
- He is running from the law.
- *He wants to travel to the New World.*

46. Why does Susan want to find Michael when she returns to Wessex?

- To convince him to grant a divorce
- To get some money from him
- *To help raise Elizabeth-Jane properly*
- To reunite as husband and wife

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