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THE STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYL AND MR HYDE: 16 PRACTICE QUESTIONS

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Robert Louis Stevenson: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Read the following extract from Story of the Door of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and then answer both parts of the question.

At this point in the novel, the narrator is introducing the lawyer Mr Utterson at the very start of the book.

Mr. Utterson the lawyer was a man of a rugged countenance that was never lighted by a smile; cold, scanty and embarrassed in discourse; backward in sentiment; lean, long, dusty, dreary and yet somehow lovable. At friendly meetings, and when the wine was to his taste, something eminently human beaconed from his eye; something indeed which never found its way into his talk, but which spoke not only in these silent symbols of the after-dinner face, but more often and loudly in the acts of his life. He was austere with himself; drank gin when he was alone, to mortify a taste for vintages; and though he enjoyed the theatre, had not crossed the doors of one for twenty years. But he had an approved tolerance for others; sometimes wondering, almost with envy, at the high pressure of spirits involved in their misdeeds; and in any extremity inclined to help rather than to reprove. "I incline to Cain's heresy," he used to say quaintly: "I let my brother go to the devil in his own way." In this character, it was frequently his fortune to be the last reputable acquaintance and the last good influence in the lives of downgoing men. And to such as these, so long as they came about his chambers, he never marked a shade of change in his demeanour.

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Utterson in this extract.
Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Utterson is described as austere with himself but tolerant of others. Explain the importance of reputation and respectability elsewhere in the novel. In your answer, you must consider:

- how reputation and respectability is presented
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At this point in the novel, Mr Enfield is telling Utterson how he witnessed Mr Hyde trample a young girl in the street at night.

“Well, it was this way,” returned Mr. Enfield: “I was coming home from some place at the end of the world, about three o’clock of a black winter morning, and my way lay through a part of town where there was literally nothing to be seen but lamps. Street after street and all the folks asleep, street after street, all lighted up as if for a procession and all as empty as a church, till at last I got into that state of mind when a man listens and listens and begins to long for the sight of a policeman. All at once, I saw two figures: one a little man who was stumping along eastward at a good walk, and the other a girl of maybe eight or ten who was running as hard as she was able down a cross street. Well, sir, the two ran into one another naturally enough at the corner; and then came the horrible part of the thing; for the man trampled calmly over the child’s body and left her screaming on the ground. It sounds nothing to hear, but it was hellish to see.

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Hyde in this extract.
Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Enfield describes seeing Hyde calmly trample a child and leave her screaming.

Explain the importance of violence and evil elsewhere in the novel.

In your answer, you must consider:

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Read the following extract from Search for Mr Hyde of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and then answer both parts of the question.

At this point in the novel, Utterson has been watching the door of Hyde's building night after night and finally meets him.

By ten o'clock, when the shops were closed the by-street was very solitary and, in spite of the low growl of London from all round, very silent. Small sounds carried far; domestic sounds out of the houses were clearly audible on either side of the roadway; and the rumour of the approach of any passenger preceded him by a long time. Mr. Utterson had been some minutes at his post, when he was aware of an odd light footstep drawing near. In the course of his nightly patrols, he had long grown accustomed to the quaint effect with which the footfalls of a single person, while he is still a great way off, suddenly spring out distinct from the vast hum and clatter of the city. Yet his attention had never before been so sharply and decisively arrested; and it was with a strong, superstitious prevision of success that he withdrew into the entry of the court.

The steps drew swiftly nearer, and swelled out suddenly louder as they turned the end of the street. The lawyer, looking forth from the entry, could soon see what manner of man he had to deal with. He was small and very plainly dressed and the look of him, even at that distance, went somehow strongly against the watcher's inclination.

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Utterson in this extract. Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Utterson waits in the quiet street and sees Hyde approach for the first time. Explain the importance of mystery and the fear of the unknown elsewhere in the novel. In your answer, you must consider:

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Robert Louis Stevenson: The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Read the following extract from The Carew Murder Case of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and then answer both parts of the question.

At this point in the novel, a maidservant is describing how she saw a respectable old gentleman attacked in the street.

Presently her eye wandered to the other, and she was surprised to recognise in him a certain Mr. Hyde, who had once visited her master and for whom she had conceived a dislike. He had in his hand a heavy cane, with which he was trifling; but he answered never a word, and seemed to listen with an ill-contained impatience. And then all of a sudden he broke out in a great flame of anger, stamping with his foot, brandishing the cane, and carrying on (as the maid described it) like a madman. The old gentleman took a step back, with the air of one very much surprised and a trifle hurt; and at that Mr. Hyde broke out of all bounds and clubbed him to the earth. And next moment, with ape-like fury, he was trampling his victim under foot and hailing down a storm of blows, under which the bones were audibly shattered and the body jumped upon the roadway. At the horror of these sights and sounds, the maid fainted.

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Hyde in this extract.
Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Hyde suddenly flies into a rage and beats Sir Danvers Carew to death with his cane.

Explain the importance of violence and the dark side of human nature elsewhere in the novel.

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Read the following extract from Dr Lanyon's Narrative of *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and then answer both parts of the question.

At this point in the novel, Dr Lanyon is describing how Jekyll drank a potion in front of him in his own house.

Lanyon, you remember your vows: what follows is under the seal of our profession. And now, you who have so long been bound to the most narrow and material views, you who have denied the virtue of transcendental medicine, you who have derided your superiors, behold!”

He put the glass to his lips and drank at one gulp. A cry followed; he reeled, staggered, clutched at the table and held on, staring with injected eyes, gasping with open mouth; and as I looked there came, I thought, a change, he seemed to swell, his face became suddenly black and the features seemed to melt and alter, and the next moment, I had sprung to my feet and leaped back against the wall, my arms raised to shield me from that prodigy, my mind submerged in terror.

“O God!” I screamed, and “O God!” again and again; for there before my eyes, pale and shaken, and half fainting, and groping before him with his hands, like a man restored from death, there stood Henry Jekyll!

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Lanyon in this extract.
Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Lanyon watches Hyde change back into Henry Jekyll and is left in terror. Explain the importance of science and the supernatural elsewhere in the novel.
In your answer, you must consider:

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At this point in the novel, Jekyll is explaining in his written confession how he came to believe that people have two natures.

Though so profound a double-dealer, I was in no sense a hypocrite; both sides of me were in dead earnest; I was no more myself when I laid aside restraint and plunged in shame, than when I laboured, in the eye of day, at the furtherance of knowledge or the relief of sorrow and suffering. And it chanced that the direction of my scientific studies, which led wholly towards the mystic and the transcendental, reacted and shed a strong light on this consciousness of the perennial war among my members. With every day, and from both sides of my intelligence, the moral and the intellectual, I thus drew steadily nearer to that truth, by whose partial discovery I have been doomed to such a dreadful shipwreck: that man is not truly one, but truly two.

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Jekyll in this extract.
Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Jekyll reflects on his double life and concludes that man is not truly one, but truly two.

Explain the importance of duality and the divided self elsewhere in the novel.

In your answer, you must consider:

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At this point in the novel, Jekyll is describing the first time he drank the potion and became Hyde.

The most racking pangs succeeded: a grinding in the bones, deadly nausea, and a horror of the spirit that cannot be exceeded at the hour of birth or death. Then these agonies began swiftly to subside, and I came to myself as if out of a great sickness. There was something strange in my sensations, something indescribably new and, from its very novelty, incredibly sweet. I felt younger, lighter, happier in body; within I was conscious of a heady recklessness, a current of disordered sensual images running like a millrace in my fancy, a solution of the bonds of obligation, an unknown but not an innocent freedom of the soul. I knew myself, at the first breath of this new life, to be more wicked, tenfold more wicked, sold a slave to my original evil; and the thought, in that moment, braced and delighted me like wine. I stretched out my hands, exulting in the freshness of these sensations; and in the act, I was suddenly aware that I had lost in stature.

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Jekyll in this extract.
Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Jekyll feels younger and more wicked after the transformation and delights in his new freedom.

Explain the importance of temptation and freedom from morality elsewhere in the novel.

In your answer, you must consider:

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At this point in the novel, which is the end of the book, Jekyll is writing the last lines of his confession.

Nor must I delay too long to bring my writing to an end; for if my narrative has hitherto escaped destruction, it has been by a combination of great prudence and great good luck. Should the throes of change take me in the act of writing it, Hyde will tear it in pieces; but if some time shall have elapsed after I have laid it by, his wonderful selfishness and circumscription to the moment will probably save it once again from the action of his ape-like spite. And indeed the doom that is closing on us both has already changed and crushed him. Half an hour from now, when I shall again and forever reindue that hated personality, I know how I shall sit shuddering and weeping in my chair, or continue, with the most strained and fearstruck ecstasy of listening, to pace up and down this room (my last earthly refuge) and give ear to every sound of menace. Will Hyde die upon the scaffold? or will he find courage to release himself at the last moment? God knows; I am careless; this is my true hour of death, and what is to follow concerns another than myself. Here then, as I lay down the pen and proceed to seal up my confession, I bring the life of that unhappy Henry Jekyll to an end.

(a) Explore how Stevenson presents the character of Jekyll in this extract.
Give examples from the extract to support your ideas.

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(b) In this extract, Jekyll knows the change will soon be permanent and ends his confession. Explain the importance of guilt and consequences elsewhere in the novel.
In your answer, you must consider:

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