



TEST 1

ENGLISH

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Read the following guidelines before you start:

1. Open this booklet only when you have been told to do so.
2. You can use the area around the question for your working out.
3. Aim to complete all the questions within the time limit.
4. If you make a mistake, cross it out and clearly write the new answer.
5. If you get stuck on a question, do not waste time and move on to the next one.
6. Do not speak to anyone once the test has started.
7. You are **NOT** allowed to use an electronic calculator.

Time: 40 minutes

For examiner's use only

Question	Score
1 _____	_____ (max 1)
2 _____	_____ (max 6)
3 _____	_____ (max 6)
4 _____	_____ (max 6)
5 _____	_____ (max 4)
6 _____	_____ (max 5)
7 _____	_____ (max 10)
8 _____	_____ (max 6)
9 _____	_____ (max 6)

Total out of 50:

Grade:

This passage is from the novel **“Pride and Prejudice”** by Jane Austen. The novel was not published until 1813; however the author completed her work by 1779. The play is set in 17th Century England.

Read carefully and answer ALL the questions

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THE next day opened a new scene at Longbourn. Mr. Collins made his declaration in form. Having resolved to do it without loss of time, as his leave of absence extended only to the following Saturday, and having no feelings of difference to make it distressing to himself even at the moment, he set about it in a very orderly manner, with all the observances which he supposed a regular part of the business. On finding Mrs. Bennet, Elizabeth, and one of the younger girls together soon after breakfast, he addressed the mother in these words,

“May I hope, Madam, for your interest with your fair daughter Elizabeth, when I solicit for the honour of a private audience with her in the course of this morning?”

Before Elizabeth had time for anything but a blush of surprise, Mrs. Bennet instantly answered,

“Oh dear!- - Yes- - certainly. - - I am sure Lizzy will be very happy - - I am sure she can have no objection. - - Come, Kitty, I want you up stairs.” And gathering her work together, she was hastening away, when Elizabeth called out,

“Dear Ma’am, do not go. - - Mr. Collins must excuse me. - - He can have nothing to say to me that anybody need not hear. I am going away myself.”

“No, no, nonsense, Lizzy.- - I desire you will stay where you are.”- - And upon Elizabeth’s seeming really, with vexed and embarrassed looks, about to escape, she added, “Lizzy, I insist upon your staying and hearing Mr. Collins.”

Elizabeth would not oppose such an injunction - - and a moment’s consideration making her also sensible that it would be wisest to get over as soon and as quietly as possible, she sat down again, and tried to conceal by incessant employment the feelings which were divided between distress and diversion. Mrs. Bennet and Kitty walked off, and as soon as they were gone Mr. Collins began.

“Believe me, my dear Miss Elizabeth, that your modesty, so far from doing you any disservice, rather adds to your other perfections. You would have been less amiable in my eyes had there been this little unwillingness; but allow me to assure you that I have your respected mother’s permission for this address. You can hardly doubt the purport of my disclosure, however your natural delicacy may lead you to dissemble; my attentions have been too marked to be mistaken. Almost as soon as I entered the house I singled you out as the companion of my future life. But before I am run away with by my feelings on this subject, perhaps it will be advisable for me to state my reasons for marrying - - and more over for coming into Hertfordshire with the design of selecting a wife, as I certainly did.”

The idea of Mr. Collins, with all his solemn composure, being run away with by his feelings, made Elizabeth so near laughing that she could not use the short pause he allowed in any attempt to stop him farther, and he continued:

“My reasons for marrying are, first, that I think it a right thing for every clergyman in easy circumstances (like myself) to set the example of matrimony in his parish. Secondly, that I am convinced it will add very greatly to my happiness; and thirdly - - which perhaps I ought to have mentioned earlier, that it is the particular advice and recommendation of the very noble lady whom I have the honour of calling patroness. Twice has she condescended to give me her opinion (unasked too!) on this subject; and it was but the very Saturday night before I left Hunsford - - between our pools at quadrille, while, Mrs. Jenkinson was arranging Miss de Bourgh’s foot-stool, that she said, “Mr. Collins, you must marry. A clergyman like you must marry. - - Choose properly, choose a gentlewoman for my sake ;and for your own, let her be an active, useful sort of person, not brought up high, but able to make a small income go a good way. This is my advice. Find such a woman as soon as you can, bring her to Hunsford, and I will visit her.” Allow me, by the way, to observe, my fair cousin, that I do not reckon the notice and kindness of Lady Catherine de Bourgh as among the least of the advantages in my power to offer. You will find her manners beyond anything I can describe; and your wit and vivacity I think must be acceptable to her, especially when tempered with the silence and respect which her rank will inevitably excite.

You have 40 minutes to complete this paper. Write your answer clearly in the space provided.

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1 What word could be used to replace “declaration” (line 1) in the passage?

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2 Which of the following are true or false, and which do we not know from the passage? (Write TRUE, FALSE or WE DON'T KNOW in the space after each statement.)

- A) Mr. Collins leave of absence was extended till Saturday. _____
- B) Mr. Collin didn't want to see Elizabeth privately. _____
- C) Mrs. Bennet was very fond of Kitty. _____
- D) Mrs. Bennet was hesitant about Elizabeth meeting Mr. Collins alone. _____
- E) Mr. Collins thought Elizabeth was not amiable. _____
- F) Lady Catherine wanted Mr. Collins to get married. _____

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3 Why did Mr. Collins want to get married? (TICK the correct answers and CROSS the incorrect answers.)

- A) His mother was very sick and wanted a bride for him before she passed away. _____
- B) He felt he was obliged to Mrs. Bennet to marry Elizabeth. _____
- C) He thought the marriage would set a good example in the local community. _____
- D) A lady he honoured suggested that he should get married. _____
- E) Marriage would bring happiness in his life. _____
- F) His mother had asked him to get married to a gentlewoman since he was a respected clergyman. _____

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4 What did Mr. Collins think of Elizabeth? (Put a TICK by the reason suggested in the passage and a CROSS by those that are not.)

- G) Mr. Collins thought Elizabeth was rude. _____
- H) Mr. Collins thought everything about her was perfect _____
- I) He thought her unwillingness towards him added to her personality _____
- J) He thought Lady Catherine would be approving of her _____
- K) Thought Elizabeth was a bit of a shrew _____
- L) Thought she was not very bright but very beautiful _____

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5 Why did Elizabeth stay back to talk with Mr. Collins? (Put TICK/S by the reasons most strongly supported by the passage.)

- A) She was beginning to get interested in the marriage proposal _____
- B) She decided to use the opportunity to discuss some business with Mr.Collins. _____
- C) She thought it was the wisest idea to get done with the conversation. _____
- D) Because she did not want to refuse her mother's command. _____

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6 What attributes did Lady Catherine suggest a wife should have? (Put a TICK by the statements that are true, and a CROSS by those that are false.)

- A) She should be of a noble and wealthy background. _____
- B) She should be able to maximise the earnings of a man wisely _____
- C) She would be active _____
- D) She would know how to spend extravagantly. _____
- E) She should not spend any money. _____

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7 Select from the passage one word that most closely corresponds to the word or phrase on the left below. Guidance is provided regarding the location of the words.

- A) persuade: (lines 5-10): _____
- B) rushing (lines 5-10): _____
- C) annoyed (line10-13): _____
- D) ceaseless (line15-20): _____
- E) cordial (lines 20-25): _____
- F) feign (lines 20-25): _____
- G) superior authority: (lines 30-35): _____
- H) customer (lines 30-35): _____
- I) A dance performed by four couples (line 30-35): _____
- J) Liveliness (lines 35-40): _____

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8 Mrs. Bennet was very keen on Elizabeth's marriage with Mr. Collins. Show **TWO** evidence from the passage which suggests this. How interested was Elizabeth in marrying Mr. Collins? Show **ONE** example from the passage.

- A) _____

- B) _____

- C) _____

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Rewrite the following sentence with the correct use of punctuation, including capital letters where necessary.

were it certain that lady catherine would think so said mr collins very gravely

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME REMAINING, CHECK YOUR
ANSWERS AGAIN.**



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