

SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *Pride and Prejudice*

I:1-9

1. What does Mrs. Bennet wish Mr. Bennet to do?
2. What opinion does Mr. Bennet have of his daughters, excepting Lizzy?
3. What recommends Mr. Bingley to Mrs. Bennet?
4. Describe Mr. Bennet's character.
5. What kind of a young man is Mr. Bingley?
6. How does Mr. Darcy conduct himself at the ball?
7. Why doesn't Darcy ask Elizabeth to dance?
8. Describe the personalities of Elizabeth and Jane.
9. How does Charlotte excuse Darcy's pride?
10. Why does Charlotte say that Jane is too guarded in her feelings?
11. Why is Darcy intrigued and attracted by Elizabeth?
12. Although Mrs. Bennet is an unwise and foolish woman, why can we understand her pursuit of rich young men for her daughters?
13. Why won't Mrs. Bennet allow Jane to use the carriage to go to Netherfield?
14. Why does Elizabeth dislike Bingley's sisters?

I:10-16

1. Why is the exchange between Darcy and Miss Bingley amusing to Elizabeth?
2. During Darcy and Elizabeth's lively discussion, what character flaws do they attribute to each other?
3. Why does Mrs. Bennet refuse to send the carriage for Jane and Elizabeth?
4. Identify the speaker and the motive: "May I ask whether these pleasing attentions proceed from the impulse of the moment, or are the result of previous study?"
5. What is Mr. Collins' motive for visiting the Bennet family?
6. What passes between Darcy and Wickham?
7. What does Wickham relate to Elizabeth about his relationship with Darcy?
8. Identify the speaker, and explain Austen's inference: "A young man too, like you, whose very countenance may vouch for your being amiable."

I:17-23

1. How does Elizabeth's reaction to Wickham's distressing tale differ from Jane's?
2. Who has Mr. Collins decided will be his wife at this point in the novel?
3. What does Darcy say to Elizabeth concerning Wickham?
4. Why does Mr. Collins disregard Elizabeth's rejection of his marriage proposal?
5. What choice does Mr. Bennet offer Elizabeth concerning Mr. Collins' proposal?
6. Why would Charlotte agree to marry Mr. Collins, whom she does not love?

II:1-8

1. Identify the speaker: "The more I see of the world, the more I am dissatisfied with it; and everyday confirms my belief of the inconsistency of all human characters, and of the little dependence that can be placed on the appearance of either merit or sense."
2. What does Mrs. Gardiner suggest as a diversion for Jane?
3. Why does Mrs. Gardiner warn Elizabeth not to fall in love with Wickham?
4. Describe Elizabeth's double standard concerning Charlotte and Wickham.
5. How is Elizabeth to spend part of her summer?
6. Who says this, and why does she say it: "Yes, she will do for him very well. She will make him a proper wife"?
7. What kind of a woman is Lady Catherine de Bourgh?

II:9-13

1. What does the reader know and Charlotte begin to suspect at this point in the novel, regarding Darcy and Elizabeth?
2. What does Col. Fitzwilliam tell Elizabeth?
3. Why does Darcy's proposal make Elizabeth angry?
4. What excuse did Darcy give for separating Bingley and Jane?
5. What kind of a man does Darcy reveal Wickham to be?
6. What does Elizabeth realize about herself after reading Darcy's letter?

II:14-19

1. Why doesn't Elizabeth immediately tell Jane of Darcy's proposal?
2. Where does Mrs. Bennet want Mr. Bennet to take the family for the summer?
3. Do Jane and Elizabeth want to publicize Wickham's character? Why or why not?
4. How is Lydia able to go to Brighton?
5. Why does Elizabeth appeal to her father not to let Lydia go to Brighton?
6. Why does Mr. Bennet allow Lydia to go to Brighton?
7. What does Elizabeth find "reprehensible" about her father's behavior?
8. Where do the Gardiners take Elizabeth even though she is reluctant to go?

III:1-5

1. How do Darcy and Elizabeth react upon seeing each other at Pemberley?
2. What special attention and compliment does Darcy pay Elizabeth?
3. What does Elizabeth think of Georgiana?
4. How does Miss Bingley treat Elizabeth?
5. What do Lydia and Wickham do?
6. Although the elopement is distressing to the family, what gives them cause for greater fear and distress?
7. Where did Mr. Bennet go?
8. How does Mrs. Bennet react to the news of Lydia's elopement?
9. Is Lydia concerned about her flight and reputation?

III:6-10

1. What did Mr. Collins say in his letter regarding Lydia's situation?
2. Who finds Lydia and Wickham, and what is their state?
3. What arrangements were made so that the wedding could take place?
4. How does Mrs. Bennet react to the good news of Lydia's marriage?
5. What provision is made for the Wickhams?
6. Who is Elizabeth surprised to find out attended Lydia's wedding?
7. What does Mrs. Gardiner reveal to Elizabeth about Darcy's involvement in Lydia's marriage?
8. What was Darcy's motive for helping the Bennets?

III:11-19

1. Why is the call paid by Bingley and Darcy so awkward?
2. How does Jane profess to feel about Bingley? Why?
3. What happy event occurs between Jane and Bingley?
4. What does Lady Catherine demand of Elizabeth?
5. What plans has Lady Catherine already made for Darcy?
6. What is Elizabeth's answer to Lady Catherine?
7. What is the result of Lady Catherine's interference?
8. Why is Elizabeth apprehensive about communicating her engagement to Darcy?
9. What reason does Elizabeth offer Darcy to account for his beginning to love her?
10. How does Kitty benefit from her sisters' marriages?