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Modern Literature - IV

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Short question and answer.

1. Drama - Murder in the Cathedral - by T.S. Eliot

1. What do the priest think of his return?

The priests of the Cathedral are well aware of the coming struggle for power. The archbishop has been intriguing in France, where he has enlisted the aid of the pope. Henry of Anjou is a stubborn king however. The priests know that the strong rule by force, the weak by caprice. The only law is that of seizing power and holding it.

2. How do the knights justify the staying?

The knights justify the staying. It may have looked like fear against one on offense against the English belief in fair play.

3. What does the chorus convey in their final speech?

The chorus gives the final speech, revealing that they have accepted their duty as Christians. They acknowledge that living up to the sacrifice Thomas made is difficult.

The Apple Cart by Bernard Shaw

1. How does the play Apple Cart open?

It begins with a Crisis brewing in the papers and among the King's Ministers, climaxes with a series of political maneuvers that would have done.

2. what does Shaw suggest through the play The Apple Cart?

Shaw suggests by the Apple Cart that in a democratic system the govt is simply a cart which is used by the prime minister in behalf of own interests.

3. what is the Cabinet's ultimatum to the King?

- The ultimatum contains three conditions
1. The King should not take any speeches.
 2. The King should not talk about the veto power anymore
 3. The King should not give any articles to the newspapers or he should not turn the paper from behind the palace.

Drama Birthday party by Harold Pinter

1. what does the play the Birthday party 'highlight'?

The play, in three acts, centers around Stanley Webber, a retired musician in his late forties, who is living at a boarding house in a resort town on the coast of England.

2. what does Stanley do to humors Meg?

To humors Meg, he opens the passage and finds a toy drum with drumsticks. He hangs the drum around his neck and parades around the table the drum merrily until his rhythm becomes erratic and chaotic.

3. why is the play The Birthday party by Harold Pinter absurdist?

Absurdist theatre examines ideas of existentialism and the meaninglessness of human existence. In the Birthday party, the protagonist, Stanley Webber, has committed existential transgressions and hence it becomes appropriate to call it an absurdist drama.

Fiction - Great Expectations - Charles Dickens

1. How does Joe help Pip when he lies critically ill?

Joe has taken care of Pip during his illness as though he were a child. After Pip's recovery Joe leaves with a note where in he has enclosed a receipt for the debt he owes to his finances.

2. How does Joe help Pip in his early days?

Joe, Pip's uncle is kind and generous towards Pip. But his wife, Pip's sister is cruel to him. It is Joe who offers training to Pip in his forge to become a workman.

3. What did Pip experience at Satis House?

At Satis House Pip has a stunning experience. A girl grudgingly admits him into the house. She appeared full of scorn written all over her face. He was shown into a room where a former lady sat behind a table with a glistening wedding cake.

Fiction - Far from the madding crowd
by Thomas Hardy

1. What are the words uttered by Troy about Fanny to Bathsheba?

The sorrow-stricken Troy tells the anguished Bathsheba. This woman is more to me, dead as she is than ever you were or are or can be. The next day he spends all his money on a marble tombstone with the inscription. Erected by Francis Troy in beloved memory of Fanny Robin.

2. Why does Boldwood want to take revenge on Troy?

Bathsheba fears Troy may be harmed on meeting Boldwood. On their return Boldwood offers his rival a large bribe to give up Bathsheba. Troy pretends to consider the offer, then scornfully announces they are already married. Boldwood withdraws, humiliated and vows revenge.

3. what happens when Oak becomes penniless and turn to other forms for work?

When Oak makes Batsheba an unadorned offer of marriage. she refuses. But she values her independence too much and him too little. Feeling betrayed and embarrassed. Crabral offers blunt protestations that only foster her haughtiness.

Fiction - The Rainbow - D.H. Lawrence

1. why does Ursula lose interest in classes?

During his six-month leave from the army - Anton skrebensky and Ursula are in an affair. Ursula loses interest in her classes and suddenly leaves school to be with Anton. During the Easter holidays, the two of them go on holiday together, pretending to be married. Ursula fails her University exams and gets engaged to Anton.

2. whom does marry? Do they live together after marriage?

Anna marries Tom's distant cousin will, when she grows older. Their marriage vacillates between periods of passion and children but their marriage fails after a short time.

3. what does Lawrence trace in the novel The Rainbow?

In The Rainbow, Lawrence traces in the chronological development of his characters growing awareness of themselves and their relation to their world.