

The Secret Garden - Online Test Preparation

1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- ___ Mary's servant Kamala came to England with her.
- ___ On the journey to Yorkshire, Mary was polite and friendly to Mrs Medlock.
- ___ The house in Yorkshire was large.
- ___ At the beginning, Mary felt lonely at her uncle's house.
- ___ Ben the gardener told Mary she was pretty.
- ___ The robin helped Mary to find the key to the secret garden.
- ___ Nobody had been in the secret garden for ten years.
- ___ Dickon was a selfish and bad-tempered boy.
- ___ Mary and Colin had an argument.
- ___ Colin was in a wheelchair when he met his father at the end.

2 Put the following events in the story in the right order. Number them 1-10.

- a ___ A robin helped Mary to find the key.
- b ___ Dickon and Mary took Colin to the secret garden in his wheelchair.
- c ___ Mary was born in India.
- d ___ Mr Craven came back home, and was happy because his son could walk.
- e ___ Mary's parents died.
- f ___ Mary went to the secret garden for the first time.
- g ___ Mary came to live in her uncle's house.
- h ___ Mary met Dickon and they went to the secret garden together.
- I ___ Colin learned to walk again.
- j ___ Mary found Colin for the first time and became his friend.

3 In the story, who has ...? Write the names. Choose from:

Mary, Mr Archibald Craven, Colin, Dickon, Martha.

1... a wheelchair. _____

2... two rabbits and two squirrels. _____

3... the key to the secret garden. _____

4... eleven brothers and sisters. _____

5... a crooked back. _____

4 Match a number from A with a letter from B to make complete sentences.

A

1 ____ Colin was worried ...

2 ____ Mary came to live in England ...

3 ____ Mary found Colin ...

4 ____ Mr Craven was sad ...

5 ____ The servants in Yorkshire were surprised ...

B

a ... because his wife died.

b ... because Colin could walk.

c ... because he thought he was going to die.

d ... because both of her parents died.

e ... because she heard him crying.

Setting

5 Choose the best answer.

1 The young Englishman told Mary's mother that they should ____.

a [] make a flower garden b [] go to the hills

c [] leave India d [] get more servants

2 Later that day ____ in Mary's house.

a [] three servants died b [] Mary's mother had a party

c [] the Englishman made a garden d [] Kamala came back

3 Mary did not miss her parents when they died because ____.

- a ☐ she didn't live with them b ☐ she had not known them well
c ☐ she hated them d ☐ she had lots of friends

4 At first Mary was taken to live with ____.

- a ☐ her grandparents b ☐ the servants
c ☐ a family who had known her parents d ☐ her friends

5 Basil sang a song about Miss Mary and her stupid ____.

- a ☐ parents b ☐ servants c ☐ friends d ☐ flowers

6 Basil told Mary that her uncle had no ____ because he was so bad-tempered.

- a ☐ wife b ☐ friends c ☐ servants d ☐ children

7 Mary travelled ____ to her uncle's house in Yorkshire.

- a ☐ north by train b ☐ south by sea c ☐ east by car d ☐ west by train

8 Mrs Medlock thought that Mary was a ____ child.

- a ☐ disagreeable b ☐ pretty c ☐ happy d ☐ ugly

9 Mr Craven's house had nearly ____ rooms, but most of them were shut.

- a ☐ a thousand b ☐ one hundred c ☐ fifty d ☐ two hundred

10 Mr Craven's house was right on the edge of the ____.

- a ☐ town b ☐ moor c ☐ sea d ☐ lake

Characters

6 Choose the best answer.

11 Mary was not a pretty child, she had a thin angry face and ____.

- a ☐ long arms and legs b ☐ thin yellow hair
c ☐ a tall thin body d ☐ long thin fingers

12 Kamala was paid to ____.

- a ☐ take care of Mary b ☐ look after the garden
c ☐ feed the elephants d ☐ help in the kitchen

- 13 Mary was born in India, where her _____ was a British official.
a [] mother b [] father c [] brother d [] uncle
- 14 Mary's mother was very beautiful and spent all her time _____.
a [] in the garden b [] doing the cooking
c [] talking to the servants d [] going to parties
- 15 When she was in India, Mary was a very _____, and bad-tempered little girl.
a [] kind, gentle b [] selfish, disagreeable
c [] confused, angry d [] frightened, cross
- 16 _____ was a large woman, with a very red face and bright black eyes.
a [] Martha b [] Kamala c [] Mary's mother d [] Mrs Medlock
- 17 Martha had _____ brothers and sisters.
a [] eleven b [] twelve c [] thirteen d [] fourteen
- 18 Before he met Mary, Ben Weatherstaff's only friend was _____.
a [] Colin b [] Mr Craven c [] his dog d [] a robin
- 19 Mary thought Mr Craven's face was not ugly, but very _____.
a [] handsome b [] sad c [] thin d [] angry
- 20 When Colin was born _____.
a [] his father and mother went to Europe b [] the garden door was locked
c [] his father left him with his mother d [] his father made a new garden

Dialogue

7 Who said this?

- 21 'Why has nobody come to take care of me?'
a [] Mary's mother b [] Kamala c [] Mary d [] Mary's father

22 'You're a hard little girl! Well, if you don't care, Mr Craven doesn't care either.'

a [] Mary b [] Mrs Medlock c [] Basil d [] Martha

23 'My mother always says people should be able to take care of themselves, even if they are rich and important.'

a [] Martha b [] Mary c [] Mrs Medlock d [] Mr Craven

24 'I haven't got any friends at all.'

a [] Martha b [] Mary c [] Mr Craven d [] Dickon

25 'You're a strange child. Like an old woman! Now run away and play!'

a [] Mrs Medlock c [] Mary c [] Martha's mother d [] Martha

26 'You mustn't go wandering around the house, you know. Mr Craven wouldn't like it.'

a [] Mrs Medlock b [] Ben Weatherstaff c [] Martha d [] Martha's mother

27 'I've stolen a garden. Nobody goes into it, nobody wants it. I love it and nobody takes care of it.'

a [] Mary b [] Dickon c [] Colin d [] Ben Weatherstaff

28 'What a strange house this is! So many secrets! Does your father come and see you often?'

a [] Martha b [] Colin c [] Mary d [] Dickon

29 'I won't let that boy come to the garden if you stay with him instead of talking to me!'

a [] Colin b [] Mary c [] Martha d [] Dickon

30 'You've got your mother's eyes. Yes, I know you. You're Mr Craven's son.'

a [] Martha b [] Mary c [] Dickon d [] Ben Weatherstaff

Vocabulary

8 Choose the best answer.

31 not pleasing; bad-tempered

a ☐ confused b ☐ shocked c ☐ furious d ☐ disagreeable

32 to look at someone or something for a long time

a ☐ stare b ☐ skip c ☐ wander d ☐ whisper

33 something strange that can make wonderful, unusual things happen

a ☐ angel b ☐ shocked c ☐ confused d ☐ magic

34 to jump on one foot

a ☐ skip b ☐ wander c ☐ bury d ☐ hop

35 a different way of speaking the same language

a ☐ whisper b ☐ dialect c ☐ cousin d ☐ ugly

36 a messenger from God, or a very good person

a ☐ angel b ☐ cousin c ☐ handsome d ☐ magic

37 drops of water that come from your eyes

a ☐ stare b ☐ horrid c ☐ tears d ☐ shocked

38 not beautiful

a ☐ pretty b ☐ bad c ☐ old d ☐ ugly

39 often cross and angry

a ☐ confused b ☐ furious c ☐ bad-tempered d ☐ tears

40 to walk slowly with no special plan

a ☐ whisper b ☐ wander c ☐ skip d ☐ hop

Plot

9 Choose the best answer.

41 Mrs Medlock told Mary that she must _____.

- a [] go to visit Colin b [] stay in her room
c [] play in the garden d [] help in the kitchen

42 Mary didn't like the garden at first because she thought ____.

- a [] it was untidy and dirty b [] it had no flowers
c [] there were no birds d [] it looked ugly in winter

43 _____ told Mary about the secret garden.

- a [] Mr Craven b [] Colin c [] Mrs Medlockd [] Martha

44 _____ was the only one who had been in the secret garden in the last ten years.

- a [] Ben Weatherstaff b [] The robin c [] Mrs Medlock d [] Martha

45 Mary found the old key in ____.

- a [] a hole in the garden b [] her room in the house
c [] a tree d [] the robin's nest

46 Dickon brought Mary a spade and some ____.

- a [] trees b [] birds c [] seeds d [] roses

47 Mary found Colin's bedroom because she heard him ____.

- a [] laughing b [] singing c [] talking d [] crying

48 When he looked over the wall, Ben Weatherstaff was surprised to see that Colin didn't have ____.

- a [] a crooked back and legs b [] his father's hair
c [] his mother's eyes d [] crooked arms

49 Mrs Sowerby sent _____ to the garden for Mary and Colin to eat.

- a [] eggs and meat b [] apples and pears
c [] milk and fresh bread d [] cake and tea

50 When Mr Craven looked at a _____ he realized how beautiful something living could be.

- a [] flower b [] tree c [] robin d [] stream