

**COMPREHENSION TEST**  
***The Picture of Dorian Gray***

**1. Mark the right answer. There is only one correct answer.**

**1. Where did Lord Henry first meet Dorian?**

- a At a dinner party.
- b At Basil Hallward's house.
- c At the theatre.

**2. What happened to Dorian's mother?**

- a She ran away from home after he was born.
- b She was murdered.
- c She died soon after Dorian was born.

**3. Where did Dorian first see Sybil?**

- a At a dinner party.
- b In a play he was watching.
- c On the steps of a theatre.

**4. After a few years, Dorian no longer travelled outside England. Why?**

- a He was afraid that someone would kill him.
- b He was afraid that someone would see the picture.
- c He had spent nearly all his money.

**5. After he had murdered Basil, Dorian went to find opium. Why?**

- a For pleasure.
- b To forget what had happened.
- c To kill himself.

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2. Fill in the gaps using: cruel, actress, exhibit, sit, stare.

Careful: sometimes you need to change the form of a word.

- a 'Will you come and ..... for another portrait soon?'
- b 'I can't ..... the picture in an art gallery. I've put too much of myself into it.'
- c 'But I loved you for your art - because you were such a wonderful ..... '
- d 'He ..... at Lord Henry with wild eyes.'
- e 'But why did the face in the picture have that ....., unkind mouth?'

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3. Match a word from A with a definition from B.

- | <u>A</u>           | <u>B</u>                                                              |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 ___ art          | A a place (not real) where people are completely happy                |
| 2 ___ ugly         | B the time when a man and a woman are married                         |
| 3 ___ pleasure     | C the part of a person that is not the body                           |
| 4 ___ portrait     | D someone who works in another person's house                         |
| 5 ___ soul         | E to show something to people, e.g. to put pictures in an art gallery |
| 6 ___ paradise     | F somebody who paints or draws pictures                               |
| 7 ___ marriage     | G not beautiful                                                       |
| 8 ___ influence    | H someone who studies science, e.g. biology, chemistry, etc.          |
| 9 ___ servant      | I the feeling of being happy and doing things that you like           |
| 10 ___ scientist   | J youth                                                               |
| 11 ___ unconscious | K to change someone or make them do what you want                     |
| 12 ___ being young | L a sweet, lovely smell                                               |
| 13 ___ exhibit     | M making beautiful things, e.g. pictures and paintings                |
| 14 ___ scent       | N in a kind of sleep caused by illness or a hit on the head           |
| 15 ___ artist      | O a painting or picture of a person                                   |

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**4. Choose the best answer.**

1 Alan Campbell was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a a scientist   b an artist   c a sailor   d an actor

2 Basil Hallward was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a a teacher   b a Lord   c an artist   d a servant

3 Basil thought Dorian's beautiful face would bring him \_\_\_\_\_.

- a pleasure and evil   b evil and horror  
c trouble and pleasure   d danger and trouble

4 Basil felt Dorian could \_\_\_\_\_.

- a help him paint   b change his life  
c help him be an actor   d learn to paint

5 Dorian had \_\_\_\_\_ eyes and gold hair.

- a light blue   b green   c brown   d bright blue

6 Sybil Vane was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a an artist   b an actress   c a servant   d a scientist

7 Lord Henry and Basil Hallward were \_\_\_\_\_.

- a brothers   b father and son   c cousins   d friends

8 When Dorian was \_\_\_\_\_ the picture started to change.

- a cruel   b happy   c sad   d ugly

9 Dorian kept the portrait in \_\_\_\_\_.

- a the cellar   b Lord Henry's house  
c a locked room   d in Basil's house

10 Sybil Vane killed herself because she \_\_\_\_\_.

- a hated Dorian   b hated Basil   c loved Basil   d loved Dorian

11 Dorian became more and more in love with \_\_\_\_\_.

- a the flowers in his garden   b the beauty of his face  
c the theatre   d music and conversation

- 12 Dorian decided to kill Basil because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a he knew his secret   b he wanted the portrait  
c he was his friend   d he didn't want him to go to Paris
- 13 Dorian killed Basil with \_\_\_\_\_.  
a a gun   b a rope   c a knife   d opium
- 14 Dorian saw \_\_\_\_\_ face watching him at the window.  
a Sybil Vane's   b James Vane's  
c Lady Monmouth's   d Lord Henry's
- 15 At the end of the story they found a dead man with \_\_\_\_\_ in the locked room.  
a a happy face   b a young face  
c a gun in his hand   d a knife in his heart

5. Choose the best answer.

- 16 the sister of your father or mother  
a daughter   b aunt   c cousin   d niece
- 17 a painting or picture of a person  
a portrait   b paint   c sitter   d exhibit
- 18 a feeling of very strong fear, dislike, and surprise  
a pleasure   b evil   c horror   d ugly
- 19 a drug that is made from flowers and makes people sleep  
a paradise   b unconscious   c scent   d opium
- 20 the part of the person that is not the body  
a scent   b soul   c opium   d portrait

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