

Part 3

Read an excerpt taken from Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice

Answer questions 10 to 14 based on the excerpt

- 1 It was Lady Catherine de Bourgh.
- 2 They were of course all intending to be surprised: but their astonishment was beyond their expectation; and on the part of Mrs Bennet and Kitty, though she was perfectly unknown to them, even inferior to what Elizabeth felt.
- 3 She entered the room with an air more than usually ungracious, made no other reply to Elizabeth's salutation, than a slight inclination of the head, and sat down without saying a word. Elizabeth had mentioned her name to her mother on her ladyship's entrance, though no request of introduction had been made.
- 4 Mrs Bennet, all amazement, though flattered by having a guest of such high importance, received her with the utmost politeness. After sitting for a moment in silence, she said very stiffly to Elizabeth.
- 5 "I hope you are well, Miss Bennet. That lady, I suppose, is your mother."
- 6 Elizabeth replied very concisely that she was.
- 7 "And that I suppose is one of your sisters."
- 8 "Yes, madam," said Mrs Bennet, delighted to speak to Lady Catherine. "She is my youngest girl but one. My youngest of all is lately married, and my eldest, Jane, is somewhere about the grounds, walking with a young man who, I believe, will soon become a part of the family."
- 9 "You have a very small park here," returned Lady Catherine de Bourgh after a short silence.
- 10 "It is nothing in comparison of Rosings, my lady. I dare say: but I assure you it is much larger than Sir William Lucas's."
- 11 "This must be a most inconvenient sitting room for the evening, in summer; the windows are full west."
- 12 Mrs Bennet assured her that they never sat there after dinner; and then added:
- 13 "May I take the liberty of asking your ladyship whether you left Mr and Mrs Collins well."
- 14 "Yes, very well. I saw them the night before last."

- 15 Elizabeth now expected that she would produce a letter for her from Charlotte, as it seemed the only probable motive for her calling. But no letter appeared, and she was completely puzzled.
- 16 Mrs Bennet, with great civility, begged her ladyship to take some refreshment; but Lady Catherine very resolutely, and not politely, declined eating anything; and then, rising up, said to Elizabeth.
- 17 “Miss Bennet, there seemed to be a prettyish kind of a little wilderness on one side of your lawn. I should be glad to take a turn in it, if you will favour me with your company.”

(Adapted from Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice*, 1961)

10 Who is Lady Catherine de Bourgh?

- A She is Kitty's friend.
- B She is Elizabeth's mother.
- C She is Mrs Bennet's guest.

11 When Lady Catherine de Bourgh came.

- A the Bennets were excited
- B the Bennets were pleased
- C the Bennets were wordless

12 Paragraph 8 discusses

- A the acceptable age for marriage in that society
- B the possibility of Elizabeth's sister getting married soon
- C Lady Catherine's plan to have Jane as her daughter-in-law

13 You have a very small park here (paragraph 9) means

- A Lady Catherine judges the Bennet's wealth by their property
- B Lady Catherine prefers Sir William Lucas's park to the Bennet's
- C Lady Catherine compares the size of the Bennet's house with hers

- 14** What is the real purpose of Lady Catherine's visit?
- A** To talk with Elizabeth personally in the park
 - B** To ask Elizabeth to mow the grass in the park
 - C** To discuss her company's progress with Elizabeth in the park