

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.

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B

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| 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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