

# The Canterville Ghost

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

- a \_\_\_ The Otis family were English.
- b \_\_\_ The ghost killed his wife.
- c \_\_\_ At first the ghost didn't want any oil.
- d \_\_\_ One night Washington put on a suit of armour.
- e \_\_\_ The ghost was frightened of the ghost that the twins made.
- f \_\_\_ The ghost frightened the young Duke of Cheshire as the Horseman of Death.
- g \_\_\_ Virginia was afraid of the ghost.
- h \_\_\_ The ghost told his story to Virginia.
- i \_\_\_ Virginia helped the ghost.
- j \_\_\_ The ghost was at Canterville Chase at the end of the story.

20 marks

## 2 Put the following events in the right order. Number them 1–10.

- a \_\_\_ The Otis family moved to Canterville Chase.
- b \_\_\_ Washington cleaned the bloodstain.
- c \_\_\_ Mr Otis bought Canterville Chase.
- d \_\_\_ The ghost gave some jewels to Virginia.
- e \_\_\_ Virginia got married.
- f \_\_\_ Mr Otis gave the ghost some oil.
- g \_\_\_ Virginia talked to the ghost.
- h \_\_\_ The Otis family met Mrs Umney the housekeeper.
- i \_\_\_ The Otis family saw the bloodstain for the first time.
- j \_\_\_ The twins frightened the ghost.

20 marks

## 3 Who said this? Who did they say it to? *The ghost, Lord Canterville, Mr Otis, Mrs Umney, Virginia, Washington*

- a 'Too many of my family have seen the ghost.'  
..... to .....
- b 'Pinkerton can clean anything!' .....  
to .....
- c 'Hold up your hands!' ..... to  
.....
- d 'It is very wrong to kill anyone.' .....  
to .....
- e 'You are much nicer than the rest of  
your horrible family.' ..... to  
.....

20 marks

## 4 Who, in the story . . . *the ghost, Mrs Otis, the twins, his wife's brothers, Mrs Umney, Virginia*

- a ... looked as English as any Englishwoman?  
.....
- b ... had long grey hair? .....
- c ... wanted more money? .....
- d ... made a ghost? .....
- e ... gave the ghost some stomach medicine?  
.....
- f ... put a jug on top of a door? .....
- g ... went horse-riding? .....
- h ... killed Sir Simon? .....
- i ... prayed for the ghost? .....
- j ... got peace in the end? .....

20 marks

## 5 Fill in the gaps. Use these words: *away, appear, bloodstain, dirty, fireplace, garden-syringe, jumped, library, frightened, stairs*

One night, the ghost decided to go to the ..... to look at the ..... . The twins ..... out on him and frightened him. At the bottom of the ..... . Washington was waiting for him with a big ..... . The ghost escaped by going into the ..... , so of course he got very ..... . After that he didn't ..... for a very long time because he was too ..... . The Otis family thought that the ghost had gone .....

20 marks

Total marks

## Setting

Choose the best answer.

- 1 Mr Hiram B. Otis was an \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  English businessman b  English lord  
c  American businessman d  American builder
- 2 The Otis family bought Canterville \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Castle b  Chase c  House d  Palace
- 3 The family \_\_\_\_\_ ghosts.  
a  didn't believe in b  were afraid of  
c  had experience of d  really liked
- 4 The Canterville Ghost lived in the house for \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  300 years b  less than 300 years  
c  30 years d  3 years
- 5 When the family first arrived at the house, \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  it became very hot b  it started to snow  
c  storm clouds suddenly appeared  
d  a strong wind started to blow
- 6 The blood on the floor was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Sir Simon de Canterville's b  Lord Canterville's  
c  the Duchess of Bolton's d  Lady Eleanore de Canterville's
- 7 Washington cleaned the bloodstain off the floor with \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  oil b  a small black stick  
c  soap and water d  a special cloth
- 8 Sir Simon \_\_\_\_\_ in 1575.  
a  got married b  bought the house  
c  went on holiday d  murdered his wife
- 9 After nine years, Sir Simon suddenly \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  went on holiday b  bought another house  
c  went away and didn't return d  married again
- 10 Mr and Mrs Otis decided to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  find another housekeeper b  pay Mrs Umney less money  
c  pay Mrs Umney more money d  have no housekeeper

**20 marks**

## Characters

Choose the best answer.

- 11 Lord Canterville said that the ghost always appeared \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  every Wednesday b  before dinner  
c  before midnight d  before the death of one of the family

- 12 When the Otis family arrived, the ghost \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  suddenly left the house b  had an easy time  
c  was very happy d  didn't have an easy time
- 13 Mrs Otis \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  spoke with an English accent b  looked very English  
c  looked very American d  was English
- 14 Washington Otis was very good at \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  painting b  riding  
c  dancing d  singing
- 15 Virginia was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  fifteen with blue eyes b  sixteen with brown eyes  
c  fifteen with brown eyes d  sixteen with blue eyes
- 16 The twins liked playing \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  football b  cards c  tricks d  tennis
- 17 At first, the ghost \_\_\_\_\_ the oil for his chains.  
a  was very angry about b  thanked Mr Otis for  
c  cried about d  laughed about
- 18 The Otis Ghost was really \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Virginia b  Washington  
c  Mr Otis d  the twins
- 19 Virginia was the only member of the Otis family who \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  was very afraid of the ghost b  felt sorry for the ghost  
c  wanted to go back to the USA d  wanted to become an artist
- 20 The ghost's biggest wish was to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  eat a big meal b  see his wife again  
c  go to sleep d  frighten Virginia

**20 marks**

## Dialogue

Who said or wrote this?

- 21 'I will buy both the house and the ghost.'  
a  Lord Canterville b  Lord Augustus  
c  Mr Otis d  Sir Simon
- 22 'I can't have bloodstains on my floor. It must go.'  
a  Mrs Otis b  Mrs Umney  
c  Virginia Otis d  Mr Otis
- 23 'Be careful! Trouble is coming to this house!'  
a  the ghost b  the Duke of Cheshire  
c  Lord Canterville d  Mrs Umney
- 24 'They'll be sorry for this – oh yes, they will!'  
a  Mr Otis b  the ghost  
c  Lord Canterville d  Washington Otis

- 25 'I've brought you some of Dr Dobell's special stomach medicine.'
- a  Virginia Otis b  Washington Otis  
c  Mrs Umney d  Mrs Otis
- 26 'She's never played any tricks on me, and she's sweet and pretty.'
- a  the Duke of Cheshire b  the ghost  
c  Mr Pinkerton d  Mrs Umney
- 27 'I'll go and speak to this other ghost. Perhaps we can be friends.'
- a  Washington b  Virginia  
c  the ghost d  Mr Otis
- 28 'My wife was not beautiful like you.'
- a  Mr Otis b  the ghost  
c  Lord Canterville d  Washington Otis
- 29 'Green blood! I've never seen green blood.'
- a  Mrs Umney b  the ghost  
c  Mrs Otis d  Virginia
- 30 'When she is a woman, she will be happy to have pretty things to wear.'
- a  Lord Canterville b  Mr Otis  
c  the ghost d  the Duke of Cheshire

20 marks

## Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

- 31 the bones of a complete person  
a  armour b  skeleton  
c  chain d  shroud
- 32 a dirty or coloured mark on something  
a  paint b  stain c  noise d  trick
- 33 metal rings linked together  
a  chain b  chair c  curtain d  change
- 34 you put your head on this when you sleep  
a  feather b  sheet c  brush d  pillow
- 35 to lose consciousness for a short time  
a  turn b  fall c  faint d  drop
- 36 to go where people can't see you  
a  disappear b  disappoint  
c  follow d  appear
- 37 two children born from the same mother at the same time  
a  sticks b  twins c  terrors d  sisters
- 38 to close with a key  
a  keep b  clean c  lock d  sound
- 39 a cloth that is put around a dead body  
a  shroud b  flash c  sheet d  storm
- 40 a beautiful, expensive stone  
a  jug b  cross c  gun d  jewel

20 marks

## Plot

Choose the best answer.

- 41 Mr Otis \_\_\_\_\_ the house.  
a  didn't think it was dangerous to buy  
b  thought it was dangerous to buy  
c  didn't really like d  wanted to rent
- 42 Pinkerton's Famous Stain Cleaner \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  could only clean floors  
b  cleaned the ghost's clothes  
c  didn't clean up the bloodstain  
d  could clean anything
- 43 The ghost was \_\_\_\_\_ he frightened many people.  
a  bored with the way b  a little sad that  
c  very pleased that d  angry that
- 44 The first time the ghost met the twins, \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  they were very polite b  they screamed and ran away  
c  they ran to their parents d  they threw pillows at him
- 45 When the ghost gave his terrible ghostly laugh, Mrs Otis \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  fell to the floor b  offered him some medicine  
c  started to cry d  decided to leave the house
- 46 He stopped trying to frighten the family after \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  water fell on him in the twins' room  
b  he saw the other ghost  
c  he lost his favourite shroud  
d  Mr Otis asked him to stop
- 47 The ghost told Virginia that \_\_\_\_\_ killed him.  
a  his wife b  his wife's brothers  
c  his wife's father d  his wife's sisters
- 48 The bloodstain changed colour because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the ghost used Virginia's paints  
b  of the Stain Cleaner  
c  Mrs Umney used Tammany's Sun Oil  
d  the blood was very old
- 49 Before the ghost died, \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  he asked Virginia to frighten the twins  
b  he went for a walk in the garden  
c  he gave Virginia a box of jewels  
d  he frightened the family one last time
- 50 Virginia \_\_\_\_\_ about the ghost.  
a  told her husband b  didn't tell her husband  
c  told her children d  wanted to tell people

20 marks

Total marks