

The Murder of Mary Jones

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1 Who said this? Mrs Jones, Simon, the Judge, Mrs Symes, Janet, Jim, PC Norton.

- a 'I was angry. I asked him to stop dancing with her.'
- b 'Mary laughed at Jim, so Jim was very angry.'
- c 'We often take cars, you see.'
- d 'Please, Mr Smith. Sit down!'
- e 'Dan danced with her first, then I danced with her.'
- f 'My car doesn't have Pirelli tyres.'
- g 'She didn't steal cars or kill people.'
- h 'I telephoned the police, and they found it next day.'
- i 'Members of the jury, there is one big question for you.'
- j 'There were some tyre marks in the sand, near the body.'

20 marks

2 Who in the play ...? Dan, Mrs Symes, PC Norton, Jim, WPC Gray, Dr Seldon.

- a ... found a spanner in the car?
- b ... didn't look at the blood under Mary's fingernails?
- c ... went to the disco with Mary?
- d ... took Mrs Symes' car?
- e ... is Simon's friend?
- f ... found blood on the spanner?
- g ... telephoned the police because somebody stole her car?
- h ... has a new car?
- i ... found tyre marks near the body?
- j ... was with the body when the police arrived?

20 marks

3 Put these sentences in the right order. Number them 1-10.

- a ___ Mary leaves the disco.
- b ___ Jim hits Simon.
- c ___ Jim leaves the disco.
- d ___ Mary laughs at Jim.
- e ___ Mary goes to the disco.
- f ___ The police find Mary.
- g ___ Somebody kills Mary.
- h ___ The police find Simon and Dan in the car.
- i ___ Simon dances with Mary.
- j ___ Simon and Dan arrive at the disco.

20 marks

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

- a ___ There are ten people in the jury.
- b ___ Somebody killed Mary in the disco.
- c ___ Simon and Dan met Mary at the disco.
- d ___ Mary's mother was at the disco.
- e ___ Mary only danced with Jim.
- f ___ Simon went to the disco in his car.
- g ___ Dan went to the disco with Mary.
- h ___ Mary left the disco before Jim.
- i ___ Jim had a lot of blood on him.
- j ___ Mrs Jones thinks that Dan and Simon killed Mary.

20 marks

5 Janet writes down what happened at the disco for the police. Fill in the gaps. Use these words: boyfriend, hit, men, evening, left, laughed, angry, hour, Mary, danced.

I arrived at the disco at about nine o'clock in the (a) The first person I saw there was my friend (b) She was with her (c), Jim. About an (d) later, two young (e) came into the disco. I didn't know them. One of them (f) with Mary, and then the other one did. Jim was very (g) He (h) one of the men. But Mary just (i) A few minutes later she (j) the disco.

20 marks

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Setting

Choose the best answer.

- The people are talking in a _____.
a court b police station c school
d hospital
- On the night of the murder, Mary Jones goes to a _____ in Trenton.
a cafe b restaurant c disco
d swimming pool
- The town of Trenton is next to _____.
a a river b a big hill c an airport
d the sea
- The murder was on _____.
a 12th April b 12th August
c 12th December d 12th February
- Mary started to walk home at _____.
a seven o'clock b nine o'clock
c ten o'clock d midnight
- Mary's dead body was _____.
a on the road b on the beach
c in a car d in a car park
- Near Mary's body there were some _____.
a postcards b flowers
c tyre marks d cigarettes
- Somebody killed Mary with a _____.
a spanner b knife c gun
d big stone
- Ms Wills shows some photos of _____.
a the town of Trenton b a car
c Mary's dead body d Simon and Dan
- There was a lot of _____ on Mary's head and face.
a food b water c sand d blood

20 marks

Characters

Choose the best answer.

- Jim Wilson is Mary's _____.
a brother b boyfriend c teacher
d doctor
- Simon and Dan are _____.
a friends b brothers c footballers
d taxi drivers
- _____ is the lawyer for the police.
a Ms Wills b Jim Wilson
c Simon Clark d Lucy Symes
- _____ is the lawyer for Simon and Dan.
a Jim Wilson b David Carter
c Janet Nolan d Lucy Symes

- On the night of the murder, _____ called the police.
a Dan Smith b Mrs Jones
c Mary Jones d Jim Wilson
- WPC Gray found Simon and Dan in _____.
a an old house b a blue car
c a white car d a red bus
- _____ looked carefully at Mary's body on the night of the murder.
a The judge b Mrs Jones
c Dr Seldon d Lucy Symes
- _____ was also in the disco that night.
a Janet Nolan b Mrs Jones
c Helen Wills d PC Moran
- Somebody took Lucy Symes's _____.
a money b knife c bike d car
- Mrs Wills thinks _____ killed her daughter.
a Jim Wilson b Simon and Dan
c Dr Seldon d Janet Nolan

20 marks

Dialogue

Who said or wrote this?

- 'Thank you, my lord. Members of the jury, look at the photo, please.'
a Helen Wills b Dan Smith
c Simon Clark d Jim Wilson
- 'Well, first I put some paper under each tyre, and drove the car over it.'
a the judge b David Carter
c PC Moran d Lucy Symes
- 'Well, I went to the disco with Mary at half past eight. We sat at a table and talked to our friends.'
a Jim Wilson b Dan Smith
c Simon Clark d Dr Seldon
- 'We didn't kill her! That's not true!'
a Jim Wilson b Dan Smith
c PC Moran d Mrs Jones
- 'You see, I did have a spanner like that in the car last year, but it wasn't very good.'
a the judge b Dr Seldon
c Dan Smith d Lucy Symes
- 'No, I'm right! Jim did go out first – I'm sure!'
a PC Moran b Dr Seldon
c Mrs Jones d Janet Nolan

- 27 'All right. Well, I went out with Dan to look for a car. We often take cars, you see.'
- a Jim Wilson b Simon Clark
c Janet Nolan d Helen Wills
- 28 'Don't you say that about my daughter! She was beautiful, and she was a lot better than you.'
- a Lucy Symes b Dr Seldon
c Mrs Jones d Helen Wills
- 29 'Yes, Dan danced with her first, and then I danced with her. Then her boyfriend hit me.'
- a Jim Wilson b Simon Clark
c PC Moran d David Carter
- 30 'Now, members of the jury, there is one big question for you, and you must answer it. Think carefully. Did these two men kill Mary Jones?'
- a Simon Clark b Jim Wilson
c the judge d Dr Seldon

20 marks

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

- 31 when someone has done something wrong
a alive b guilty c hungry d thirsty
- 32 a person who sees something happen and can tell other people about it later
a writer b driver c visitor d witness
- 33 to kill somebody, not by accident
a steal b cut c murder d hit
- 34 a place where people must stay when they do something wrong
a house b prison c hospital d hotel
- 35 a person who knows about the law
a lawyer b teacher c helper d smoker
- 36 the most important person in a court of law
a doctor b clerk c policeman d judge
- 37 without any other person
a alone b alive c angry d early
- 38 to walk behind someone
a carry b phone c follow d ask
- 39 this is yellow or white; you can find it on the beach
a sugar b sand c bread d grass
- 40 a black circle of rubber around the outside of a wheel; a car has four of these
a door b mirror c window d tyre

20 marks

Plot

Choose the best answer.

- 41 Somebody hit Mary four times on the _____.
a head b back c arm d leg
- 42 When the police found Simon and Dan, there was a _____ in the car.
a bag b girl c knife d spanner
- 43 There was a lot of _____ on Simon and Dan's shoes.
a milk b blood c sand d paint
- 44 _____ had blood on his face, hands, shirt, and trousers.
a Jim Wilson b PC Moran
c Dan Smith d Dr Seldon
- 45 There was a little blood under Mary's _____.
a shoes b trousers c fingernails
d sunglasses
- 46 _____ had two small cuts under his left eye.
a The judge b Simon Clark
c Dr Seldon d David Carter
- 47 At the disco, Jim hit _____.
a Mary b Simon Clark
c PC Moran d Mrs Jones
- 48 Jim Wilson gets _____ very quickly.
a afraid b hungry c angry
d tired
- 49 Jim Wilson says he _____ Mary.
a hit b killed c liked d loved
- 50 Mrs Jones thinks _____ killed Mary.
a Jim Wilson b Simon and Dan
c Dr Seldon d Janet Nolan

20 marks

Total marks