

The Witches of Pendle

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COMPREHENSION TEST

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

- a ___ Jennet had two sisters.
- b ___ John Law gave some money to Alizon.
- c ___ Roger Nowell was a judge.
- d ___ Old Demdike wasn't a witch.
- e ___ Alizon and Old Demdike went to prison.
- f ___ Jennet didn't like Roger Nowell.
- g ___ Jennet wanted to live with Roger Nowell.
- h ___ Jennet lived at Read Hall for many years.
- i ___ Jennet went to prison because she was rich.
- j ___ Roger Nowell married Jennet.

20 marks

2 Jennet was unhappy when she lived in Malkin Tower. Why?

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10 marks



3 Match a number from A with a letter from B to make complete sentences.

- A**
- 1 ___ Jennet was cold and hungry ...
 - 2 ___ Old Demdike made clay pictures ...
 - 3 ___ Alizon cursed two people ...
 - 4 ___ Old Demdike was not at the trial ...
 - 5 ___ When Jennet went home to Read Hall ...

- B**
- a ... because her family were very poor.
 - b ... he guards hanged her family in Lancaster.
 - c ... and they died.
 - d ... because she died before it.
 - e ... and killed people.

10 marks

4 What does a witch do with a clay picture?

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5 Fill in the gaps using: *dead, family, villagers, priest, truth.*

Mr Webster, the, says to Jennet that the boy told the in London. But Jennet knows she isn't going to return to Read Hall. Mr Nowell is The hate her because her family were all witches. She must stay in the prison with her dead

10 marks

6 Write a short comment on the story. (Did you enjoy it? Why did Jennet go to prison? Why was Jennet very unhappy in the prison?)

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40 marks

Total marks

Setting

Choose the best answer.

- The women in Lancaster Castle sleep _____.
a in beds b on the floor
c on chairs d on tables
- The Device family live _____.
a in Newchurch b in Kildwick
c in Malkin Tower d on Pendle Hill
- Pendle Hill is to the _____ of Jennet's home.
a north b south c west d east
- A pedlar _____.
a walks across hills b sells things from a bag
c sells things in a shop
d makes things to sell
- Mr Nowell's men came to see Alizon at _____.
a Read Hall b Malkin Tower
c Lancaster Castle d Ashlar House
- The guards took _____ to prison.
a Alizon and James b James and Demdike
c Alizon and Jennet d Alizon and Demdike
- When Jennet went to Read Hall, _____ came with her.
a Alizon b James c her mother
d Demdike
- Jennet began to cry because _____.
a she was a witch b James was a witch
c Demdike was a witch d her family were witches
- Jennet's father was _____.
a Jack Robinson b Mr Duckworth
c a rich man d a poor man
- When Jennet moved to Read Hall it was _____.
a spring b summer c autumn
d winter

20 marks

Characters

Choose the best answer.

- Jennet Device was born in _____.
a 1634 b 1603 c 1612 d 1503
- Mr Webster is from _____.
a Kildwick Church b Read Hall
c Lancaster Castle d Malkin Tower
- Edmund Robinson _____.
a a man b a witch c a guard
d a boy

- Alizon was _____.
a tall with black hair b small with long hair
c tall with long hair d dirty with long hair
- John Law was about _____ years old.
a thirty b forty c sixty d fifty
- Roger Nowell was _____.
a poor b rich c fat d old
- Old Demdike was Jennet's _____.
a mother b grandmother c sister
d father
- James _____.
a says things twice b can't speak
c can't hear d says bad things
- _____ gives the children bread and hot milk.
a Mr Robinson b Lodge
c Mr Webster d Mr Nowell
- The judge's name was _____.
a Nowell b Device c Bromley
d Webster

20 marks

Dialogue

Who said or thought this?

- 'Come here at once, witch! Someone wants to see you.'
a one of the guards b Jennet Device
c Mr Webster d Mr Nowell
- 'I'm going to look for bread.'
a James b Alizon c Jennet
d Jennet's mother
- I was angry because my sister was a witch.
a James b Demdike c Jennet
d Alizon
- 'I cursed the pedlar, and the dog ran after him.'
a John Law b James c Alizon
d Demdike
- 'You must go to prison at Read.'
a Mr Webster b John Law
c Jack Robinson d Mr Nowell
- 'You think too much about your arm!'
a Gertrude b Rhoda c Trendle
d Lodge
- 'Twenty years ago, I met the Devil.'
a Demdike b Jennet's mother
c James d Alizon
- 'Let's go there! Let's go to Lancaster Castle!'
a Alizon b an old woman
c Jennet's mother d Demdike

- 29 'Tell me about your mother. Is she a witch?'
 a Mr Webster b one of the guards
 c Mr Nowell d Jack Robinson
- 30 'Did you kill Jack Robinson, of Barley village?'
 a John Law b Mr Nowell
 c Judge Bromley d Mr Duckworth

20 marks

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

- 31 building where people go to pray to God
 a house b castle c floor d church
- 32 go after someone or something
 a follow b come c arrive d run
- 33 someone who watches over people in a prison
 a judge b guard c villager
 d doctor
- 34 dislike someone or something very much
 a love b hate c believe d think
- 35 having very little money
 a kind b rich c poor d tired
- 36 mother of your father or mother
 a aunt b sister c grandfather
 d grandmother
- 37 not nice to look at
 a dead b poor c ugly d beautiful
- 38 friendly and helpful
 a rich b kind c expensive d free
- 39 someone who walks from place to place selling small things
 a walker b worker c pedlar
 d farmer
- 40 man or woman who can make bad things happen
 a witch b judge c servant
 d prisoner

20 marks

Plot

Choose the best answer.

- 41 In 1634 _____ wants to see Jennet.
 a a guard b Mr Webster
 c Mr Nowell d Old Demdike
- 42 _____ told lies about Jennet.
 a Jack Robinson b Jennet's mother
 c Mr Webster d Edmund Robinson

- 43 Jennet didn't like Alizon's dog because _____.
 a it had big teeth b it was a big dog
 c it hated her d it was always hungry
- 44 When Alizon's dog went after John Law, he _____.
 a ran away b hit it c fell down
 d didn't speak
- 45 At Read Hall Roger Nowell asked _____ questions.
 a Alizon b Alizon and her mother
 c Alizon and James d Alizon and Jennet
- 46 Jennet, James, and her mother stayed at home because _____.
 a they were afraid to go out
 b they didn't want to go to prison
 c they were hungry d they wanted to find food
- 47 Jennet's mother hit her because _____.
 a she was a witch b she broke the bottle
 c her mother's friends laughed at her d she wanted to go to Read Hall
- 48 Jennet is afraid of her mother because she _____.
 a can kill people b hits her c wants to kill the guards
 d is ugly
- 49 When she went to Lancaster, Jennet felt afraid because _____.
 a it was far away b there were too many people
 c her mother was in prison
 d Judge Bromley had cold eyes
- 50 _____ tell lies about Jennet.
 a Witches b The guards
 c The Robinson family d The villagers

20 marks

Total marks