The Victorians

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The Picture of Dorian Gray

Vocabulary

1. To lionize a person is to treat someone as (A) a family member (B) a celebrity (C) an inferior (D) an animal.
2. A reckless person (A) is rash and careless (B) has never had an accident (C) is careful with money (D) has a high position in society.
3. A truculent person (A) performs menial, hard work (B) is rudely loud (C) is aggressively hostile (D) is interested in many ideas and activities.
4. A willful person is (A) stubborn (B) generous (C) not very bright (D) cheerful and helpful.
5. A panegyric is a lofty speech or piece of writing whose purpose is to (A) condemn (B) praise (C) mourn (D) accuse.
6. Candor is best defined as (A) honesty and directness (B) sweetness (C) double‑dealing (D) pretension.
7. The word ‘mean’ does NOT mean (A) average (B) inferior and small‑minded (C) offensive or selfish (D) high in position.
8. A hedonist maintains that the highest good is found in (A) generosity (B) religious devotion (C) pleasure (D) sacrifice.
9. A caprice is best defined as a sudden change of mind caused by (A) grief (B) logical reasoning (C) changing social conditions (D) no apparent reason.
10. To wizen is to (A) become intelligent (B) turn gray (C) shrivel and dry up (D) influence or bias.
11. One who is uncouth lacks (A) money (B) meaningful work (C) a family (D) manners.
12. A matter of conjecture is one about which (A) one can be absolutely sure (B) only science has the truth (C) one can only take a guess (D) one whose solution will come only through hard work.
13. Vulgarity shows a lack of (A) taste or manners (B) vocabulary (C) money (D) friends.
14. To falter is to (A) make a common and unimportant error (B) make a serious error in judgment (C) to represent falsely, especially in an attempt to deceive (D) to hesitate or waver.
15. The word ‘indifferent’ does ***not*** mean (A) unbiased (B) uninterested or unconcerned (C) identical (D) not particularly good.
16. An absurd statement is (A) unreasonable or illogical (B) apparently impossible but in fact true (C) demonstrably untrue (D) probably untrue.
17. A cynic believes that all our actions are motivated by (A) our love of God (B) our love of our fellow humans (C) our love of ourselves (D) winds and bad weather.
18. One perplexed is troubled by (A) illness (B) grief (C) doubt (D) finances.
19. A dowager is (A) an elderly society woman (B) one who is sour and gloomy (C) a gossip (D) one who has fallen to a lower social position.
20. A tedious task is (A) highly technical (B) physically demanding (C) enjoyable (D) long and boring.