The Garden Party

and Other Stories

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1 Who said what? Match a number from A with a letter from B.

A

1. ‘Think how that poor woman will feel if she hears a band playing ...’

2. ‘Look, here’s the sitting-room and the kitchen, and that’s the—’

3. ‘Excuse me, Mademoiselle, you dropped this.’

4. ‘Give me back that letter. Give it back to me at once, you bad, wicked woman ...’

5. ‘Oh, no, this is the first time I have ever been abroad at all.’

6. ‘Go on, go on! Shoot him down! Shoot him!’

7. ‘... long before you’re as old as I am, you’ll be sitting up there on the stage in your nice black dress, watching.’

8. ‘Flowers! You wouldn’t believe it Madam, the flowers he used to give me.’

9. ‘He’s gone shearing and left me all alone again.’

B

a. Kezia, The Doll’s House

b. Laura Sheridan, The Garden Party

c. Millie, Millie

d. Miss Moss, Pictures

e. The fat man, Her First Ball

f. Ian French, Feuille d’Album

g. The governess, The Little Governess

h. The maid, The Ladies Maid

i. The woman, The Woman at the Store

2 Complete the following sentences with information from the stories The Garden Party, The Doll’s House, Pictures, The Little Governess, Her First Ball.

1. Laura was unhappy about having the garden party because ...

2. Lil Kelvey went to see the doll’s house because ...

3. Miss Moss went to the Café Madrid because ...

4. The waiter was angry with the governess because ...

5. The fat, bald man upset Leila because ...

3 Match the following words with the correct story; doll, paddock, cart, creek, lawn, shearing, lily, marquee, scones, cottage.

The Garden Party

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The Woman at the Store

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4 Are these sentences about The Garden Party true (T) or false (F)?

a. Laura was very business-like about organizing the party.

b. The man who died lived nearby.

c. Jose thought it was silly to stop the party.

d. Mrs Sheridan was worried that the man had died in her garden.

e. When her brother told Laura how wonderful she looked, Laura forgot about the dead man.

f. Laura did not enjoy the party very much.

g. After the party, Laura decided to take a basket of food to the dead man’s family.

h. Laura respected her brother’s opinion about everything.

5 Which character in these stories did you find the most interesting? Give reasons for your answer.

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Setting

Choose the best answer.

1. Ian French is an artist who lives in _____.
   a) New Zealand   b) France   c) America   d) Germany
2. One day, the Burnell children get a beautiful doll's house that smells of _____.
   a) flowers   b) food   c) paint   d) perfume
3. Laura and her family are going to have a party in _____.
   a) their house   b) their garden   c) their neighbour's garden   d) the public gardens
4. Miss Ada Moss is a woman who desperately needs some _____.
   a) eggs   b) new shoes   c) paint   d) money
5. The little governess has never _____ before.
   a) travelled on a train   b) been abroad   c) been to a hotel   d) eaten strawberries
6. The little governess is going to work in _____.
   a) Germany   b) Austria   c) Russia   d) France
7. At the ball, Leila dances with _____.
   a) nobody   b) her sister   c) a lot of different men   d) one fat man
8. The woman with blue eyes and yellow hair lives at a store _____.
   a) in a very lonely place   b) on the edge of a busy town   c) on a small island   d) next to a beach
9. Millie Evans learns that Mr Williamson has been _____.
   a) punished   b) robbed   c) killed   d) hurt
10. The lady's maid has worked for 'my lady' for _____.
    a) a few days   b) a few weeks   c) a few months   d) a long time

Characters

Choose the best answer.

11. Ian French is a _____ man.
    a) cruel, dangerous   b) relaxed, cheerful   c) talkative, confident   d) quiet, shy
12. Lil and Else Kelvey are poor girls who _____.
    a) everybody likes   b) everybody knows   c) nobody plays with   d) nobody knows
13. Mrs Sheridan gives Laura a _____ to wear to the party.
    a) hat   b) dress   c) blouse   d) necklace
14. Miss Ada Moss wants to find work as _____.
    a) a teacher   b) a maid or cleaner   c) a cook or waitress   d) an actress or singer
15. Miss Ada Moss's landlady is _____.
    a) kind and helpful   b) quiet and polite   c) hard and mean   d) funny and cheerful
16. On the train, the little governess starts to feel _____ the older German man.
    a) angry with   b) comfortable with   c) worried about   d) bored with
17. At the ball, the fat man makes Leila feel _____.
    a) sad   b) happy   c) confident   d) stupid
18. Over the years, the woman at the store has become more _____.
    a) calm and relaxed   b) warm and beautiful   c) wild and crazy   d) popular
19. Millie Evans finds _____ who is injured at her farm.
    a) a small boy   b) a young man   c) a young woman   d) an old man
20. The lady's maid is a _____ woman.
    a) hard-working, obedient   b) lazy, careless   c) strange, silent   d) sad, miserable

Dialogue

Who said or wrote this?

21. ‘Excuse me, Mademoiselle. You dropped this.’
   a) Ian French   b) the man in the fish shop   c) the girl in the flat   d) the girl’s mother
22. ‘Is it true that you’re going to be a servant when you grow up, Lil Kelvey?’
   a) Aunt Beryl   b) Isabel Burnell   c) Kezia Burnell   d) Lena Logan
23. ‘But we can’t possibly have a garden party with a man dead just outside the front gate.’
   a) Laura   b) Jose   c) Mrs Sheridan   d) Mr Sheridan
24. ‘... there’s plenty of other people who would give me good money for a room like this.’
   a) Miss Ada Moss   b) Mrs Pine   c) Mr Kadgit   d) Mr Bithem
25. ‘Well, I’m not really an actress. I’m a trained singer.’
   a) Miss Ada Moss   b) Mrs Pine   c) the fair baby girl of thirty   d) the waitress in the café
26. ‘I wonder if you would let me show you a little of Munich today.’
   a) Frau Arnhold   b) the lady at the Governess Agency   c) the waiter   d) the older German man
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27 ‘Yes, it really is the first ball I’ve ever been to. You see, I’ve lived in the country all my life …’
a □ the fat man    b □ Meg    c □ Leila    d □ Laura
28 ‘Six years I’ve been here and it’s broken me, living here. I told him, it’s broken me, taken away everything I had.’
a □ Jim    b □ Jo    c □ the kid    d □ the woman with blue eyes and yellow hair
29 ‘I know who you are. I must have been blind not to see it from the start.’
a □ Mr Williamson    b □ Mrs Williamson    c □ Millie Evans    d □ Willie Cox
30 ‘Take them all back. It’s all over. I’m not going to marry you.’
a □ Harry    b □ Ellen, the maid    c □ ‘My Lady’    d □ Ellen’s grandfather

20 marks

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

31 when something doesn’t happen very often
a □ rare    b □ frequent    c □ basic    d □ necessary
32 a leather seat for sitting on a horse
a □ sofa    b □ armchair    c □ saddle    d □ belt
33 to write your details on a form
a □ fill in    b □ fill up    c □ put up    d □ put down
34 when you feel sad and tired
a □ delighted    b □ weary    c □ fortunate    d □ thirsty
35 a part of a railway train where passengers sit
a □ car    b □ room    c □ carriage    d □ cart
36 an area of short, neat grass in a garden
a □ lake    b □ lawn    c □ field    d □ bush
37 a toy that looks like a person, for children to play with
a □ swing    b □ farm    c □ game    d □ doll
38 a small simple house that you usually find in the countryside
a □ flat    b □ cottage    c □ castle    d □ block
39 the first light of a new day; when the sun starts to come up
a □ storm    b □ sunset    c □ dawn    d □ dusk
40 an animal which is like a horse, but it has short legs and long ears
a □ sheep    b □ giraffe    c □ deer    d □ donkey

20 marks

Plot

Choose the best answer.

41 Ian French finally decides to _____ the girl in the flat.
a □ paint    b □ photograph    c □ talk to    d □ marry
42 Kezia asks Lil and Else Kelvey to _____ but Aunt Beryl tells them to go away.
a □ buy the doll’s house    b □ see the doll’s house    c □ have dinner    d □ go on a walk
43 Laura goes to see Mrs Scott’s _____.
a □ new house    b □ new baby    c □ sick mother    d □ dead husband
44 Miss Ada Moss meets a man in the Café de Madrid and decides _____ with him.
a □ to play cards    b □ to go to the theatre    c □ to go to his house    d □ to have dinner
45 The waiter at the hotel is angry with the little governess because she ______.
a □ is rude and not polite to him    b □ doesn’t give him enough money    c □ eats too much food    d □ doesn’t eat any food
46 At his flat, the older German man starts to _____ the little governess.
a □ play music to    b □ sing with    c □ rob    d □ kiss
47 At the end of the ball, Leila suddenly feels _____ again.
a □ happy    b □ sad    c □ hungry    d □ thirsty
48 The kid at the store draws a picture of a woman _____ a man.
a □ dancing with and then kissing    b □ shooting and then burying    c □ marrying and then leaving    d □ writing to and then meeting
49 Millie Evans tries to help Harrison by _____.
a □ giving him money    b □ giving him a horse    c □ hiding him under the bed    d □ washing and feeding him
50 Ellen, the lady’s maid decided not to _____ and continued working for ‘my lady’.
a □ marry Harry    b □ open a shop    c □ go on holiday    d □ work in London

20 marks

Total marks