

# The Picture of Dorian Gray

Oscar Wilde

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

- a \_\_\_ Dorian Gray was twenty years old at the beginning of the story.
- b \_\_\_ He was thirty-eight at the end.
- c \_\_\_ Lord Henry and Dorian were friends right up to the time of Dorian's death.
- d \_\_\_ Lord Henry was the same age as Dorian.
- e \_\_\_ Dorian's father was a poor soldier.
- F \_\_\_ Sybil Vane was not very beautiful.
- g \_\_\_ James Vane was worried about his sister before he left home.
- h \_\_\_ Basil Hallward didn't care about Dorian after he had painted his picture.
- i \_\_\_ Dorian killed James Vane.
- j \_\_\_ Dorian was not sorry about anything he had done before he died.

**30 marks**

## 2 Mark the right answer. There is only one correct answer.

- 1 Where did Lord Henry first meet Dorian?
  - a \_\_\_ At a dinner party.
  - b \_\_\_ At Basil Hallward's house.
  - c \_\_\_ At the theatre.
- 2 What happened to Dorian's mother?
  - a \_\_\_ She ran away from home after he was born.
  - b \_\_\_ She was murdered.
  - c \_\_\_ She died soon after Dorian was born.
- 3 Where did Dorian first see Sybil?
  - a \_\_\_ At a dinner party.
  - b \_\_\_ In a play he was watching.
  - c \_\_\_ On the steps of a theatre.
- 4 After a few years, Dorian no longer travelled outside England. Why?
  - a \_\_\_ He was afraid that someone would kill him.
  - b \_\_\_ He was afraid that someone would see the picture.
  - c \_\_\_ He had spent nearly all his money.
- 5 After he had murdered Basil, Dorian went to find opium. Why?

- a \_\_\_ For pleasure.
- b \_\_\_ To forget what had happened.
- c \_\_\_ To kill himself.

**25 marks**

**3 Match a word from A with a definition from B.**

A

- 1 \_\_\_ Art
- 2 \_\_\_ Ugly
- 3 \_\_\_ Pleasure
- 4 \_\_\_ Portrait
- 5 \_\_\_ Soul

B

- a The part of a person that is not the body
- b The feeling of being happy and doing things that you like
- c A painting or picture of a person
- d Making beautiful things, e.g. pictures and paintings
- e Not beautiful

**25 marks**

**4 Fill in the gaps using: *exhibit, influence, paint, sit, stare*. Careful: sometimes you need to change the form of a word.**

- a 'It's your best work, Basil, the best portrait that you've ever .....
- b 'I can't ..... the picture in an art gallery. I've put too much of myself into it.'
- c 'Don't change him. Don't try to ..... him.'
- d 'He ..... at Lord Henry with wild eyes.'
- e 'Will you come and ..... for another portrait soon?'

**20 marks**

**Total marks**

## *Multiple-choice Test*

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### *Setting*

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**Choose the best answer.**

- 1 Lord Henry and Basil Hallward were \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] brothers   b [ ] father and son   c [ ] cousins   d [ ] friends
- 2 Lord Henry lived in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] London   b [ ] Oxford   c [ ] Paris   d [ ] Rome
- 3 Basil Hallward was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] a teacher   b [ ] a Lord   c [ ] an artist   d [ ] a servant
- 4 Basil met Dorian Gray at \_\_\_\_\_ house.  
a [ ] Lord Henry's   b [ ] Lady Agatha's  
c [ ] Lady Brandon's   d [ ] Sybil Vane's
- 5 Basil thought Dorian's beautiful face would bring him \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] pleasure and evil   b [ ] evil and horror  
c [ ] trouble and pleasure   d [ ] danger and trouble
- 6 Basil felt Dorian could \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] help him paint   b [ ] change his life  
c [ ] help him be an actor   d [ ] learn to paint
- 7 Basil said that the portrait showed the secret of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] his life   b [ ] his heart   c [ ] his art   d [ ] his work
- 8 Dorian thought that Lord Henry had a \_\_\_\_\_ voice.  
a [ ] loud   b [ ] quiet   c [ ] beautiful   d [ ] soft
- 9 Lord Henry thought that there was nothing in the world as important as \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] youth   b [ ] pleasure   c [ ] life   d [ ] evil
- 10 Lord Henry was \_\_\_\_\_ Dorian.  
a [ ] ten years younger than   b [ ] the same age as  
c [ ] older than   d [ ] one year younger than

**20 marks**

### *Characters*

**Choose the best answer.**

- 11 Lord Henry's friends always called him \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] Henry b [ ] Harold c [ ] Harry d [ ] Herbert
- 12 When Basil was with Dorian he painted \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] lots of pictures b [ ] lots of people  
c [ ] wonderful people d [ ] wonderful pictures
- 13 Basil never talked when he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] painting b [ ] eating c [ ] walking d [ ] smoking
- 14 Dorian was \_\_\_\_\_ that he had met Lord Henry.  
a [ ] very sad b [ ] surprised c [ ] happy d [ ] angry
- 15 Lady Agatha was Basil's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] mother b [ ] aunt c [ ] sister d [ ] cousin
- 16 Dorian Gray was \_\_\_\_\_ years old.  
a [ ] twenty b [ ] thirty c [ ] twenty-five d [ ] eighteen
- 17 Dorian had \_\_\_\_\_ eyes and gold hair.  
a [ ] light blue b [ ] green c [ ] brown d [ ] bright blue
- 18 Sybil Vane was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] an artist b [ ] an actress c [ ] a servant d [ ] a scientist
- 19 James Vane was going to start a new life in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] France b [ ] Australia c [ ] America d [ ] Spain
- 20 Alan Campbell was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a [ ] a scientist b [ ] an artist c [ ] a sailor d [ ] an actor

**20 marks**

*Dialogue*

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**Who said this?**

- 21 'It's your best work, the best portrait that you've ever painted.'  
a [ ] Dorian b [ ] Basil c [ ] Lord Henry d [ ] Lady Brandon
- 22 'When I like people a lot, I never tell their names to my other friends.'  
a [ ] Basil b [ ] Dorian c [ ] Sybil Vane d [ ] Lord Henry
- 23 'When your youth goes, your beauty will go with it.'  
a [ ] Dorian b [ ] Lady Brandon c [ ] Basil d [ ] Lord Henry
- 24 'I wish that I could always stay young and that the picture could grow old.'  
a [ ] Lord Henry b [ ] Dorian c [ ] Basil d [ ] Lady Agatha

- 25 'I thought you fashionable young men never got up until the afternoon.'
- a [ ] Lord Henry   b [ ] Lady Brandon   c [ ] Basil   d [ ] Lady Agatha
- 26 'Mother, Mother, I'm so happy, and you must be happy too.'
- a [ ] Sybil Vane   b Dorian   c [ ] Basil   d [ ] Lady Agatha
- 27 'I've heard about a gentleman who visits you every night at the theatre.'
- a [ ] Basil   b [ ] Dorian   c [ ] Sybil Vane   d [ ] James Vane
- 28 'He can't marry an actress.'
- a [ ] Basil   b [ ] James Vane   c [ ] Lord Henry   d [ ] Lady Agatha
- 29 'You must not look at it. I don't want you to see it.'
- a [ ] Dorian   b [ ] Basil   c [ ] Lord Henry   d [ ] Alan Campbell
- 30 'I've done what you asked me to do, and now goodbye. I never want to see you again.'
- a [ ] Basil   b [ ] Alan Campbell   c [ ] Dorian   d [ ] Lord Henry

**20 marks**

## Vocabulary

**Choose the best answer.**

- 31 the sister of your father or mother
- a [ ] daughter   b [ ] aunt   c [ ] cousin   d [ ] niece
- 32 a painting or picture of a person
- a [ ] portrait   b [ ] paint   c [ ] sitter   d [ ] exhibit
- 33 a feeling of very strong fear, dislike, and surprise
- a [ ] pleasure   b [ ] evil   c [ ] horror   d [ ] ugly
- 34 somebody who paints or draws pictures
- a [ ] servant   b [ ] Lord   c [ ] artist   d [ ] scientist
- 35 being young
- a [ ] ugly   b [ ] youth   c [ ] beauty   d [ ] unconscious
- 36 to change something or someone; make someone do what you want
- a [ ] influence   b [ ] exhibit   c [ ] scent   d [ ] stare
- 37 the feeling of being happy and doing things that you like
- a [ ] evil   b [ ] horror   c [ ] pleasure   d [ ] youth
- 38 a drug that is made from flowers and makes people sleep
- a [ ] paradise   b [ ] unconscious   c [ ] scent   d [ ] opium
- 39 the time when a man and a woman get married
- a [ ] marriage   b [ ] paradise   c [ ] soul   d [ ] play
- 40 the part of the person that is not the body

a [ ] scent   b [ ] soul   c [ ] opium   d [ ] portrait

**20 marks**

### *Plot*

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**Choose the best answer.**

41 When Dorian was \_\_\_\_\_ the picture started to change.

a [ ] cruel   b [ ] happy   c [ ] sad   d [ ] ugly

42 Dorian kept the portrait in \_\_\_\_\_.

a [ ] the cellar   b [ ] Lord Henry's house  
c [ ] a locked room   d [ ] in Basil's house

43 Sybil Vane killed herself because she \_\_\_\_\_.

a [ ] hated Dorian   b [ ] hated Basil   c [ ] loved Basil   d [ ] loved Dorian

44 Dorian became more and more in love with \_\_\_\_\_.

a [ ] the flowers in his garden   b [ ] the beauty of his face  
c [ ] the theatre   d [ ] music and conversation

45 Dorian decided to kill Basil because \_\_\_\_\_.

a [ ] he knew his secret   b [ ] he wanted the portrait  
c [ ] he was his friend   d [ ] he didn't want him to go to Paris

46 Dorian killed Basil with \_\_\_\_\_.

a [ ] a gun   b [ ] a rope   c [ ] a knife   d [ ] opium

47 Dorian saw \_\_\_\_\_ face watching him at the window.

a [ ] Sybil Vane's   b [ ] James Vane's  
c [ ] Lady Monmouth's   d [ ] Lord Henry's

48 The newspapers said that Basil \_\_\_\_\_.

a [ ] was in Paris   b [ ] was alive   c [ ] was in London   d [ ] was murdered

49 James Vane found Dorian after \_\_\_\_\_ years.

a [ ] eighteen   b [ ] fifteen   c [ ] ten   d [ ] three

50 At the end of the story they found a dead man with \_\_\_\_\_ in the locked room.

a [ ] a happy face   b [ ] a young face  
c [ ] a gun in his hand   d [ ] a knife in his heart

**20 marks**

**Total Marks:**

# The Picture of Dorian Gray

1

a T

b T

c T

d F

e T

f F

g T

h F

i F

j F

2

1 b

2 c

3 b

4 b

5 b

3

1 d

2 e

3 b

4 c

5 a

4

a painted

b exhibit

c influence

d stared

e sit

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## Setting

1 d

2 a

3 c

4 c

5 d

6 b

7 b

8 c

9 a

10 c

## Characters

11 c

12 d

13 a

14 c

15 b

16 a

17 d

18 b

19 b

20 a

## Dialogue

21 c

22 a

23 d

24 b

25 d

26 a

27 d

28 a

29 a

30 b

*Vocabulary*

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31 b

32 a

33 c

34 c

35 b

36 a

37 c

38 d

39 b

40 b

*Plot*

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41 a

42 c

43 d

44 b

45 a

46 c

47 b

48 d

49 a

50 d