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QUESTION PAPER INSERT

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Answer ONE question on the text you have studied.

**‘Of Mice and Men’: John Steinbeck
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Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

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JOHN STEINBECK: 'Of Mice and Men'

- 1 (a) Curley's wife lay with a half-covering of yellow hay. And the meanness and the plannings and the discontent and the ache for attention were all gone from her face. She was very pretty and simple, and her face was sweet and young. Now her rouged cheeks and her reddened lips made her seem alive and sleeping very lightly. The curls, tiny little sausages, were spread on the hay behind her head, and her lips were parted. 5
- As happens sometimes, a moment settled and hovered and remained for much more than a moment. And sound stopped and movement stopped for much, much more than a moment. 15
- Then gradually time awakened again and moved sluggishly on. The horses stamped on the other side of the feeding racks and the halter chains clinked. Outside, the men's voices became louder and clearer. 20
- From around the end of the last stall old Candy's voice came. "Lennie," he called. "Oh, Lennie! You in here? I been figuring some more. Tell you what we can do, Lennie." Old Candy appeared around the end of the last stall. "Oh, Lennie!" he called again; and then he stopped, and his body stiffened. He rubbed his smooth wrist on his white stubble whiskers. "I di'n't know you was here," he said to Curley's wife. 25 30

When she didn't answer, he stepped nearer. "You oughten' to sleep out here," he said disapprovingly; and then he was beside her and—"Oh, Jesus Christ!" He looked about helplessly, and he rubbed his beard. And then he jumped up and went quickly out of the barn.

But the barn was alive now. The horses stamped and snorted, and they chewed the straw of their bedding and they clashed the chains of their halters. In a moment Candy came back, and George was with him.

George said, "What was it you wanted to see me about?"

Candy pointed at Curley's wife. George stared.

"What's the matter with her?" he asked. He stepped closer, and then he echoed Candy's words. "Oh, Jesus Christ!" He was down on his knees beside her. He put his hand over her heart. And finally, when he stood up, slowly and stiffly, his face was as hard and tight as wood, and his eyes were hard.

Candy said, "What done it?"

George looked coldly at him. "Ain't you got any idear?" he asked. And Candy was silent. "I should of knew," George said hopelessly. "I guess maybe way back in my head I did."

Candy asked, "What we gonna do now, George? What we gonna do now?"

EITHER 1 (a) What makes the discovery of Curley's wife so dramatic in this passage?

You should consider:

the atmosphere in the barn before she is found;

Candy's reaction when he finds her;

George's reaction.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the passage. [27]

OR 1 (b) What do you find so disturbing about the way Crooks is treated on the ranch?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel. [27]

HARPER LEE: 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

- 2 (a) A long extension cord ran between the bars of a second-floor window and down the side of the building. In the light from its bare bulb, Atticus was sitting propped against the front door. He was sitting in one of his office chairs, and he was reading, oblivious of the nightbugs dancing over his head. 5**
- I made to run, but Jem caught me. 'Don't go to him,' he said, 'he might not like it. He's all right, let's go home. I just wanted to see where he was.' 10**
- We were taking a short cut across the square when four dusty cars came in from the Meridian highway, moving slowly in a line. They went around the square, passed the bank building, and stopped in front of the jail. 15**
- Nobody got out. We saw Atticus look up from his newspaper. He closed it, folded it deliberately, dropped it in his lap, and pushed his hat to the back of his head. He seemed to be expecting them. 20**
- 'Come on,' whispered Jem. We sneaked across the square, across the street, until we were in the shelter of the Jitney Jungle door. Jem peeked up the sidewalk. 'We can get closer,' he said. We ran to Tyndal's Hardware door – near enough, at the same time discreet. 25 30**
- In ones and twos, men got out of the cars. Shadows became substance as light revealed solid shapes moving towards the jail door. Atticus remained where he was. The men hid him from view. 35**

‘He in there, Mr Finch?’ a man said.
‘He is,’ we heard Atticus answer, ‘and he’s asleep. Don’t wake him up.’ 40

In obedience to my father, there followed what I later realized was a sickeningly comic aspect of an unfunny situation: the men talked in near-whispers. 45

‘You know what we want,’ another man said. ‘Get aside from the door, Mr Finch.’

‘You can turn around and go home again, Walter,’ Atticus said pleasantly. ‘Heck Tate’s around somewhere.’ 50

‘The hell he is,’ said another man. ‘Heck’s bunch’s so deep in the woods they won’t get out till mornin’.’

‘Indeed? Why so?’ 55

‘Called ’em off on a snipe hunt,’ was the succinct answer. ‘Didn’t you think a’that, Mr Finch?’

‘Thought about it, but didn’t believe it. Well, then,’ my father’s voice was still the same, ‘that changes things, doesn’t it?’ 60

‘It do,’ another deep voice said. Its owner was a shadow.

‘Do you really think so?’ 65

This was the second time I heard Atticus ask that question in two days, and it meant somebody’s man would get jumped. This was too good to miss. I broke away from Jem and ran as fast as I could to Atticus. 70

Jem shrieked and tried to catch me, but I had a lead on him and Dill. I pushed my way through dark smelly bodies and burst into the circle of light. 75

‘H-ey, Atticus?’

I thought he would have a fine surprise, but his face killed my joy. A flash of plain fear was going out of his eyes, but returned when Dill and Jem wriggled into the light. 80

There was a smell of stale whisky and pig-pen about, and when I glanced around I discovered that these men were strangers. They were not the people I saw last night. Hot embarrassment shot through me: I had leaped triumphantly into a ring of people I had never seen before. 85

EITHER 2 (a) What makes this such a tense and powerful moment in the novel?

You should consider:

the way the danger builds up;

how Atticus deals with it;

how the arrival of the children alters the situation.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the passage. [27]

OR 2 (b) What do you find to admire about Jem in the novel?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel. [27]

MEERA SYAL: 'Anita and Me'

- 3 (a) Papa dropped the spoon he was holding which fell into his plate of homemade yoghurt with a soft plop. 'What did you say, Meena?' he asked quietly. Something was terribly wrong. Mama held a plate of fresh chapatti in mid-air, her eyebrows had taken refuge somewhere around her hairline, the terrible silence was broken by Sunil's insistent angry shouts, 'Ma-ma-ma-pa!' and Nanima firing off a question to mama who shook her head and looked away mournfully. I told myself to keep calm and play the innocent, it was too late to pretend they had misheard so I repeated the question, 'I said, am I a virgin? I mean, what is one? Of them?' Papa's mouth opened and then shut again slowly, he looked at mama for help. She slammed the plate down onto the table, stuck her hands on her hips and said, 'I suppose you have been talking to that Anita Rutter again! Such filthy things from such a young mouth, *hai ram! Thoba thoba!*' Mama did a quick translation for Nanima who immediately held the lobes of her ears to ward off the evil eye and muttered a silent prayer.
- 'Do you know what you are saying? I hope not!' papa barked at me. He pushed his plate away, spilling some of the yoghurt onto the newspaper upon which he always ate in front of the television. He was showing me the
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depth of his disgust. I had made him
lose his appetite and then mama would
drag me into the kitchen and tell me
off again for sending my father to bed
hungry. 'It doesn't matter,' I mumbled, 40
backing away, but I was stopped by
papa grabbing onto my arm. He pulled
me towards him and made me stand
inches away from his face. He wore
a filmy moustache of white which 45
made me want to laugh out loud, and
somehow he caught the beginning of
the smirk and yanked my arm again to
pull me to attention. Even mama sensed
that his famous temper was about to 50
erupt and came and stood watchfully
at his side, the moral committee could
now convene in full.

 'I do not like what you have
become, Meena,' said papa slowly. 55
'I have watched you change, from a
sweet happy girl into some rude, sulky
monster.'

EITHER 3 (a) What does this passage reveal about Meena's relationship with her family?

You should consider:

how Meena shocks her father;

his reaction;

Mama's and Nanima's reaction.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the passage. [27]

OR 3 (b) Explore ONE or TWO moments in the novel when Anita behaves in a particularly disrespectful way towards other characters.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel. [27]

AMY TAN: 'The Joy Luck Club'

- 4 (a) I assumed my talent-show fiasco meant I never had to play the piano again. But two days later, after school, my mother came out of the kitchen and saw me watching TV. 5
- "Four clock," she reminded me as if it were any other day. I was stunned, as though she were asking me to go through the talent-show torture again. I wedged myself more tightly in front of the TV. 10
- "Turn off TV," she called from the kitchen five minutes later.
- I didn't budge. And then I decided. I didn't have to do what my mother said anymore. I wasn't her slave. This wasn't China. I had listened to her before and look what happened. She was the stupid one. 15
- She came out from the kitchen and stood in the arched entryway of the living room. "Four clock," she said once again, louder. 20
- "I'm not going to play anymore," I said nonchalantly. "Why should I? I'm not a genius." 25
- She walked over and stood in front of the TV. I saw her chest was heaving up and down in an angry way.
- "No!" I said, and I now felt stronger, as if my true self had finally emerged. So this was what had been inside me all along. 30
- "No! I won't!" I screamed.

She yanked me by the arm, pulled me off the floor, snapped off the TV. She was frighteningly strong, half pulling, half carrying me toward the piano as I kicked the throw rugs under my feet. She lifted me up and onto the hard bench. I was sobbing by now, looking at her bitterly. Her chest was heaving even more and her mouth was open, smiling crazily as if she were pleased I was crying.

“You want me to be someone that I’m not!” I sobbed. “I’ll never be the kind of daughter you want me to be!”

“Only two kinds of daughters,” she shouted in Chinese. “Those who are obedient and those who follow their own mind! Only one kind of daughter can live in this house. Obedient daughter!”

“Then I wish I wasn’t your daughter. I wish you weren’t my mother,” I shouted. As I said these things I got scared. It felt like worms and toads and slimy things crawling out of my chest, but it also felt good, as if this awful side of me had surfaced, at last.

“Too late change this,” said my mother shrilly.

And I could sense her anger rising to its breaking point. I wanted to see it spill over. And that’s when I remembered the babies she had lost in China, the ones we never talked about. “Then I wish I’d never been born!” I shouted. “I wish I were dead! Like them.”

It was as if I had said the magic words. Alakazam!—and her face went blank, her mouth closed, her arms went slack, and she backed out of the room, stunned, as if she were blowing away like a small brown leaf, thin, brittle, lifeless.

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EITHER 4 (a) What makes this such a powerful moment in the novel?

You should consider:

what Suyuan wants Jing-mei to do;

how Jing-mei reacts;

what Jing-mei says at the end and the effect on Suyuan.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the passage. [27]

OR 4 (b) What do you find to dislike about Waverly?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel. [27]

RODDY DOYLE: ‘Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha’

- 5 (a) My finger was in the book, where
George Best’s autograph was.
My da was sitting in his chair.
— Did you? he said. — Good man.
What? 5
— What?
— What did you find?
— The autograph, I told him.
He was messing.
— Let’s see it, he said. 10
I put the book and opened it on his
knees.
— There.
My da rubbed his finger across the
autograph. 15
George Best had great handwriting.
It slanted to the right; it was long and the
holes were narrow. There was a dead-
straight line under the name, joining the G
and the B, all the way to the T at the end and
a bit further. It finished with a swerve, like a
diagram of a shot going past a wall. 20
— Was he in the shop? I asked my
da.
— Who? 25
— George Best, I said.
Worry began a ball in my stomach
but he answered too quickly for it to grow.
— Yes, he said.
— Was he? 30
— Yes.
— Was he; really?
— I said he was, didn’t I?
That was all I needed, for certain.
He didn’t get annoyed when he said it, just 35**

calm like he'd said everything else, looking right at me.

— What was he like?

I wasn't trying to catch him out. He knew that. 40

— Exactly like you'd expect, he said.

— In his gear?

That was exactly what I'd have expected. I didn't know how else George Best would have dressed. I'd seen a colour picture of him once in a green Northern Island jersey, not his usual red one, and it had shocked me. 45

— No, said Da. — He —, a tracksuit.

— What did he say? 50

— Just —

— Why didn't you ask him to put my name on it? I pointed to George Best's name.

— As well. 55

— He was very busy, said my da.

— Was there a huge queue?

— A huge one.

That was good; that was right and proper. 60

— Was he in the shop just for the day only? I asked.

— That's right, said my da. — He had to go back to Manchester.

— For training, I told him. 65

— That's right.

A year after that I knew that it wasn't George Best's real autograph at all; it was only printing and my da was a liar.

EITHER 5 (a) What do you learn here about Paddy's relationship with his father?

You should consider:

the way Paddy questions his father;

the way his father responds;

the effect of the final sentence.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the passage. [27]

OR 5 (b) Explore ONE or TWO moments in the novel which show the importance of Paddy's mother in his life.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel. [27]

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ATHOL FUGARD: 'Tsotsi'

- 6 (a) From somewhere else someone answered: 'She's gone brother.'**
- 'Tondi?'**
- 'Yes brother, gone. They took her this morning. The police took her this morning.'** **5**
- 'Tondi!'**
- 'They took many this morning' and it was many voices answering him now, but he still only had the one word: 'Tondi!' the one name, 'Tondi!' and it was a cry now, cried with a terrible sound.** **10**
- The footsteps walked about in the room, and David heard the sound of a crash and then more noise, wild breaking noise. The footsteps came into the backyard again where, loudest of all, almost in pain, he still called, 'Tondi!' until the chain rattled and he heard the snarl of the bitch and a heavy, dull sound, and a thin screech of dog pain.** **15**
- 'Tondi!' The steps receding, the dog screaming. 'Tondi.'** **20**
- 'They took her, brother.'** **25**
- 'I saw her without a dress.'**
- 'Tondi! I'm come back', receding in the distance and then heard no more; hearing now instead the bitch, which in a way was worse.** **30**
- He had to open his eyes, and when he did he wished he hadn't, because for all his tears and prayers he could not close them again until it was over. He had kicked her and she was walking around in circles, biting at her own** **35**

back legs and rolling over and over
in the sand. She stopped and tried
to stand up but she could only do so
on the front ones. Her eyes were red, 40
and her muzzle blind with pain and
knowing what was coming she turned
her head to the hok and started that
way. She took an eternity, dragging her
hindquarters which were useless in the 45
great labour of her effort, and she was
whining all the time with foam at her
mouth. David shrank back, jabbering to
himself, feeling for stones but finding
only feathers and dry droppings and not 50
even being able to hold these because
he couldn't flex his hands.

On she came, until a foot or so away
the chain stopped her, and although
she pulled at this with her teeth until 55
her breathing was tense and rattled she
could go no further, so she lay down
there, twisting her body so that the
hindquarters fell apart and, like that,
fighting all the time, her ribs heaving, 60
she gave birth to the stillborn litter, and
then died beside them.

It wasn't long before the first fly
came, lit with a green sheen to his body,
and a buzz that called all the others. 65
They settled and lifted in a small black
cloud, and before the day was through
there were thousands and a loathsome
stench, and he sat through it all, his
eyes transfixed, not moving. 70

He runs away, tearing his hand as he
breaks open the wire mesh on the side,
and he runs like a little animal being
hunted, very fast and very far.

EITHER 6 (a) What makes this such an upsetting moment in the novel?

You should consider:

what David's father does and why;

the suffering of the dog;

David's situation.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the passage. [27]

OR 6 (b) What do you think makes Tsotsi change so much in the novel?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel. [27]



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