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1 Complete the sentences. Choose names from the box. Use each name twice.

Frederick Fairlie Professor Pesca Walter Hartright

- 1 is a drawing teacher.
- 2 left Italy for political reasons.
- 3 is the present owner of Limmeridge House.
- 4 is looking for someone to teach his daughters to paint.
- 5 returns a favour by finding a friend a job.
- 6 meets a mysterious woman on his way home.

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2 Read the definitions. Choose the correct words from the box.

anxious asylum baronet coincidence desperate housekeeper

- 1 very worried
- 2 a title for a rich man who comes from a very wealthy family
- 3 a person who is paid to look after someone's home
- 4 in the past, a hospital for people with mental illnesses
- 5 when two or more things that are connected happen at the same time without planning
- 6 If a person or animal is this, they will do anything because they are so frightened, unhappy, etc.

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3 Complete the text. Choose the correct words (a, b, c or d).

I opened my curtains the next morning and ¹ the most beautiful view of the countryside

- a see
- b saw
- c seen
- d seeing

and the sea. Thoughts of London and of the woman in white ² _____ from my mind,

- a fade
- b fading
- c were fading
- d have faded

and I was excited about the next ³ _____ months at Limmeridge.

- a little
- b a little
- c a few
- d few

At around 9 a.m. I went downstairs and entered the large breakfast room, ⁴ _____ I saw an

- a where
- b who
- c which
- d that

elegant woman. She was quite tall with dark hair, and she was standing with her back to me, looking

⁵ _____ a window. I was impatient for her to turn around so that I ⁶ _____ meet her.

- a into
- b out of
- c from
- d onto

- a can
- b would
- c could
- d should

When she did turn to greet me, I was quite shocked. She had an extremely plain face and might even

⁷ _____ described as ugly.

- a have been
- b been
- c being
- d has been

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4 Write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Frederick Fairlie is Laura Fairlie's real father.
- 2 Marian Halcombe will inherit Limmeridge House when her uncle dies.
- 3 Marian Halcombe has a collection of letters that contain news of local events.
- 4 Frederick Fairlie dislikes loud noises and bright light.
- 5 According to the letter, Anne Catherick was very intelligent.
- 6 Miss Fairlie and Anne Catherick look similar.
- 7 Miss Fairlie is going to marry someone she doesn't love.
- 8 Walter does not enjoy spending time with Laura and Marian.

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5 Read the text. Write T (true), F (false) or DS (does not say) next to the sentences (1–6) below.

I returned to my room with my head full of upsetting thoughts and my heart full of sadness. However, I had not been there for long when there was a knock at the door. It was Miss Halcombe.

“Mr Hartright,” she said, “a letter has just come for Miss Fairlie. We don’t know who sent it, but it seems to be a horrible attempt to stop the marriage. Miss Fairlie is very upset. Although the letter does not name Sir Percival Glyde, there is so much detail in the description that it can only be him. The letter suggests that the baronet should not be trusted, and it warns Miss Fairlie not to marry him! Look.”

She passed the letter to me. It was written in an unusual style, and the last two sentences particularly caught my eye:

I only want what is best for you. You have a special place in my heart because your mother was my only friend.

I remembered what Anne Catherick had said to me about her love for Mrs Fairlie. I wondered, although there was no proof at all, whether the letter could have been written by Anne.

- 1 Hartright was upset because he had lost his job.
- 2 Miss Halcombe goes to Hartright’s room to deliver a letter.
- 3 The letter was delivered to the house the day before.
- 4 Hartright believes the letter was written by someone with little education.
- 5 The letter warns Miss Fairlie not to marry.
- 6 Hartright thinks that Anne Catherick might have written the letter.

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6 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 We decided to ask the school teacher,
- 2 A moment later a person came into view;
- 3 At first she seemed terrified,
- 4 While they were discussing family matters,
- 5 After the meal we went to the drawing room,
- 6 She sank into a chair,

- a it was a woman wearing a long cloak with the hood pulled up over her head.
- b but when I told her that I had kept her secret, she seemed to trust me.
- c the room in which the happiest evenings of my life had been passed.
- d who we thought must know many people in the village.
- e and I looked at her for the last time and then left the room.
- f I took my chance to walk around the gardens for the last time.

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7 Read the questions and choose the correct answers (a, b, c or d).

- 1 Why had Vincent Gilmore been invited to Limmeridge House?
 - a To make sure the marriage went ahead.
 - b To warn Sir Percival Glyde of the letter.
 - c To talk about the financial details of the marriage.
 - d To find out who had written the letter.

- 2 Why had Sir Percival Glyde sent Anne Catherick to an asylum?
 - a Because she'd become violent after her husband had left her.
 - b Because he felt she could be looked after better there.
 - c Because she was no longer able to care for her daughter.
 - d Because Mrs Catherick, Anne's mother, had asked him to send her there.

- 3 What would happen to Limmeridge House if Laura were to marry Sir Percival Glyde and then died?
 - a Sir Percival Glyde would inherit the house.
 - b Laura's Aunt Eleanor would inherit the house.
 - c A distant female cousin would inherit the house.
 - d Count Fosco would inherit the house.

- 4 Why did Sir Percival Glyde's lawyer want the £20,000 to go directly him?
 - a He disliked Miss Halcombe and didn't trust her.
 - b He needed the money to look after his house and land.
 - c He wanted the money for his future children.
 - d He needed the money because he was in debt.

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8 Tick four true things about Laura.

- 1 She is in love with someone else.
- 2 She is afraid to tell Sir Percival the truth.
- 3 She doesn't intend to keep her promise to marry.
- 4 She promises to try to be honest to her future husband.
- 5 She doesn't want her half-sister to live with her after the wedding.
- 6 She writes letters to Marian only explaining what she has done in Italy.
- 7 She doesn't like Count Fosco but doesn't give a reason why.

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9 Correct the sentences.

- 1 Walter Hartright is being followed by strange men in Cumberland.

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2 Marian Halcombe finds a small dog in a cottage near the lake.

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3 Sir Percival Glyde wants Madame Fosco to sign a document.

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4 Marian Halcombe suspects Sir Percival Glyde had opened her letter.

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10 Complete the sentences. Unscramble the words in brackets.

1 Laura had lost a special _____ (b r o c h o) that Marian had given her on her wedding day.

2 Sir Percival Glyde had returned and was obviously still in a terrible _____ (d o m o).

3 I was very surprised by the Count's _____ (n o m n c a n u e n e t). He must have persuaded Sir Percival Glyde to change his mind.

4 I looked around, and I saw fresh _____ (f n o t s r o t p i) in the mud around the building.

5 "There was someone at the boathouse yesterday, and it was the Count! I hate him. He is a _____ (p s y)!"

6 She was holding a white _____ (i a e f h k n r c d e h) in her hand.

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11 Complete the text. Use the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

It was about 6 p.m. when I ¹..... (write) the two letters and set out to the village. It was a hot summer evening, and it felt like a thunderstorm ²..... (come). Several carriages passed me, and a few people walking, too. Once or twice I thought I ³..... (be follow), but I think I was imagining it because I was nervous.

Thankfully, poor Fanny was at the inn when I arrived there. I explained that it was very important that she posted the first letter when she ⁴..... (reach) London, and gave the second one to Mr Fairlie.

I was back at the house before 8 p.m. At dinner I noticed that the Count ⁵..... (seem) red in the face, and his clothes were not as tidy as usual. Had he also been outside before dinner? Or did he seem nervous just because of the heavy summer heat? At the end of the meal Sir Percival ⁶..... (say) to the Count, "Fosco, come out on to the verandah. I ⁷..... (need) to talk to you about an important matter."

I left them, and, once I was back in my room, I ⁸..... (think) about the events of the day. Why did Sir Percival Glyde need to speak to the Count?

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12 What does the Count suggest that Sir Percival does while they are talking on the verandah?

- a Let his wife marry Mr Hartright.
- b Murder his wife for her money.
- c Make his wife talk to Anne Catherick.

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13 Put the information about the characters in the correct column.

does not tell lies watched the nurse very carefully went to Torquay
 prepared the body for the grave said Lady Glyde had a weak heart
 stated Lady Glyde was seriously ill watched Lady Glyde's body being put into the coffin
 thought the Count was very thoughtful worked for Count Fosco
 worried about Miss Halcombe travelling

Eliza Michelson	Hester Pinhorn	Alfred Goodricke	Jane Gould

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14 Put the events in the correct order (1–7).

- a Walter realized the only way to prove Laura’s real identity was by finding out the date she travelled to London.
- b Marian realized her half-sister was still alive.
- c Anne Catherick was found and returned to the asylum.
- d Doctor Goodricke gave Walter a copy of the death certificate.
- e Mr Fairlie didn’t recognize Laura and sent her away.
- f Count Fosco put medicine in Laura’s water.
- g A letter arrived announcing Lady Glyde’s sudden death.

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15 Unscramble the sentences.

1 refused / The clerk / to answer / Walter’s / any / of / questions.

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2 Anne / to live / Grimsby. / had / After / Limmeridge, / left / went / she / in

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3 tricked / Count Fosco / Anne / London. / going to / into

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4 a relationship. / believed / his / that / wife / and / having / Mr Catherick / had / the baronet / been

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5 Walter / the vestry, / mentioned / fearful. / Mrs Catherick / became / When

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6 Walter / might / the / a clue / in / there / marriage / be / register. / thinks

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16 Complete the text. Choose from the sentences (a–g) below. There is one extra sentence.

I looked at the stone building. The vestry door was huge and was made of thick wood. There was one small window, quite high up on the wall. ¹ The vestry was on fire!

I ran to the big wooden door and touched it – it was hot. Then, to my horror, something – or someone – fell heavily against the inside of the door. ² I heard a man’s voice from behind the door, shouting and screaming desperately for help.

“It’s the key!” cried the clerk. “He can’t get it in the lock! He’s trapped!”

³ Had he been hiding there? He fell to his knees and cried, “Oh, no! No! It’s my master in there, Sir Percival Glyde!” ⁴

In that moment I forgot everything I knew about Sir Percival Glyde, everything I felt about what he had done. ⁵ By now there were several more people in the churchyard, watching what was happening.

“We need to break the door down!” I shouted. Together we found a big, heavy piece of wood, and a group of us used it to run at the door. After three attempts we had done it. ⁶ At that moment the fire engine finally arrived from the village. But it was too late. The baronet was already dead.

- a A young man suddenly appeared from some bushes not far away.
- b All I knew was that there was a person in terrible danger and I wanted to save him from an awful death.
- c A moment later I heard the desperate sound of metal being moved against metal.
- d The door was open, but all we could see was fire and smoke.
- e Once the vestry had caught fire, there was nothing the baronet could do to stop it.
- f I then noticed that there was something orange and bright moving behind the glass.
- g The screaming, and the noises in the vestry, stopped soon after.

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17 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why did the baronet want the keys?
- 2 Why does Mrs Catherick accept Glyde’s money?
- 3 Why did Glyde send Anne to an asylum?

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18 Complete the text. Choose one word (a, b, c or d) for each gap.

The next day I returned to London. I was so happy to see Marian and Laura when they opened the front door. Marian looked tired and worried, but Laura looked much better than when I

Later, when Laura had gone to bed, Marian and I talked. I explained ² that had happened.

“I am still determined ³ Laura’s identity,” I told Marian. “Sir Percival Glyde is dead, and the Count is now the only person who can help me to do that. I don’t care if it’s dangerous. I will do ⁴ that I have to.”

The next day we told Laura ⁵ Sir Percival Glyde was dead. From that day onwards we did not mention his name again. We returned to our simple way of life, and over the winter I carried on ⁶ to make money for us to pay the rent and eat. Many months passed like this, but I never forgot about my promise to return Laura’s identity to her.

I also still wanted to find out who Anne’s father was, as I suspected it could be an important piece of information. I remembered what Mrs Clements had told me about Mrs Catherick – that before she was married she ⁷ at Varneck Hall for Major Donthorne. I wrote to Major Donthorne and asked him several questions. In the letter I told him I was asking the questions for Marian, who ⁸ her family history.

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| 1 a was leaving | b have left | c having left | d had left |
| 2 a everybody | b everything | c everywhere | d everywhere |
| 3 a to save | b save | c saving | d saved |
| 4 a something | b anything | c nothing | d somewhere |
| 5 a while | b even though | c that | d because |
| 6 a draw | b to draw | c drew | d drawing |
| 7 a had worked | b worked | c has worked | d is working |
| 8 a is studying | b studies | c was studying | d studied |

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19 Who was Anne Catherick’s real father?

- a Major Donthorne
- b Sir Percival Glyde
- c Philip Fairlie

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20 Complete the text. Write one word in each gap.

Now that Laura was my wife, I felt ready to fight for ¹ and to force Count Fosco to help us. I asked Marian many ² about the Count so that I could build a better picture of him in my mind. She told me that, as ³ as she knew, he had not returned to his home country of Italy for many, many years. And he ⁴

kept asking anxiously if there were any Italians living near Blackwater Park. She believed ⁵ he left Italy for political reasons. She also mentioned that he often received strange, unexplained letters from abroad. Knowing ⁶ clever he was, and the way he had acted, I was starting to think that he was a spy. This would explain ⁷ Madame Fosco had turned pale when she heard Laura call him one. And then there was Mrs Rubelle. Fosco had known her since he arrived in England. She was a cold, determined woman, and she was an accomplice in the terrible crime that had taken ⁸ Could they be part of the same organization?

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21 Write Fosco, Pesca or Hartright.

- 1 lived in St John's Wood in London.
- 2 bought tickets for an opera.
- 3 invited his friend to attend the opera with him.
- 4 left Italy for political reasons.
- 5 was frightened of his fellow Italian.
- 6 explains the whole story so far to his friend.

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22 Change the direct speech into reported speech.

- 1 Hartright to Pesca: "Do you know that man?"
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- 2 Pesca to Hartright: "No, I've never seen him before."
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- 3 Pesca: "How can Fosco know me?"
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- 4 Hartright to Pesca: "I must speak to you in private."
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23 Complete the text. Use the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

The man who I showed you at the opera is a member of “the society”, and I ¹
 (**believe**) he has gone against that society. Please ² (**contact**) your organization
 immediately to check this. You know the name he ³ (**use**) in England, and his address
 is 5 Forest Road, St John’s Wood. If you ⁴ (**read**) this, then I have tried and failed to
 get what I need from him, and I ⁵ (**be**) dead. You have been a very good friend to me,
 and I ask one last thing of you. Please now do anything you can to ⁶ (**finish**) that man.

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24 Complete the sentences. Choose the correct words from the box.

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- 1 the letter was delivered to Pesca, I would then have some protection.
- 2 I went to our landlord, who had a young son.
- 3 I was taken to the sitting room, the Count himself was sitting in an armchair.
- 4 “ , how long do I have, before that letter is opened?”
- 5 the next three hours Count Fosco and his wife finished their preparations to leave London.
- 6 seven o’clock came, and the doorbell rang.

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25 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 During the next three hours Count Fosco and his wife finished their preparations to leave London.

READY

It took Count Fosco and his wife three hours leave.

2 She just looked at me every now and then with hate in her eyes.

DESPISED

I could tell – I could see it in her eyes.

3 About an hour later, Mr Rubelle returned with the unopened envelope in his hand.

CARRYING

Mr Rubelle came back an hour later in his hand.

4 Count Fosco took it from him and burned it, without even opening it to read the letter inside.

BOTHER

Count Fosco the letter; instead he took it and threw it in the fire.

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26 Write *yes* or *no*.

- 1 Count Fosco has the idea to change the identities of Anne and Laura.
- 2 Count Fosco says that he never read Miss Halcombe's letters.
- 3 Anne Catherick died on the same day that Lady Glyde arrived in London.
- 4 Count Fosco feels terrible guilt for what he did.

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27 Complete the text. Form new words using the words in capital letters.

I spent the next day ¹..... writing down the story, from the very ²..... to the end. I then added to it all the personal statements and evidence I had collected.

Finally the day came. I led Laura into the room at Limmeridge where the local people were all waiting. People were ³..... to see her, and whispers went round the room. Mr Fairlie was there, sitting in a chair, with Mr Kyrle standing by his side. I stood up and began to speak to the crowd. I stated the simple facts: first, that the woman sitting next to me was Lady Glyde, and was the daughter of the late Mr Philip Fairlie. And second, that I would prove that the funeral that they had ⁴..... in Limmeridge was the funeral of another woman. I then carefully read out the full story. This done, I reminded them of the date of death on the gravestone – 25th July – and proved that it was correct by showing them the ⁵..... certificate. Then I read out Sir Percival Glyde's letter of the 25th, which mentioned his wife's journey from Hampshire to London taking place on the 26th. Marian then explained herself how she had met Laura at the asylum and helped her escape. ⁶....., I announced Sir Percival Glyde's death and told everyone in the room that Laura was now my wife.

Mr Kyrle then stood up and said that he was the family ⁷..... and that the evidence was all plain and clear. I put my arm around Laura and spoke loudly to the crowd. "Are you all of the same opinion?"

An older man at the back of the room stood up and cried happily, "She's alive and well!" Then others started to stand up and shout out, too. It was the ⁸..... moment of my life – everyone, even Mr Fairlie, believed that Laura was Lady Glyde.

CARE

BEGIN

SURPRISE

ATTEND

DEAD

FINAL

LAW

SWEET

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28 Why did the body of Count Fosco have a “a strange deep, wide cut on the upper inside part” of his left arm?

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29 Match the words and write the new words or phrases.

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| 1 boat | a yard | |
| 2 heart | b stone | |
| 3 church | c keeper | |
| 4 house | d house | |
| 5 drawing | e room | |
| 6 grave | f broken | |

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30 Complete the sentences with the words from 29.

- 1 When I mentioned that she had talked to the, Sir Percival Glyde immediately returned to the house.
- 2 I had been so excited and happy when I first heard her play that music; now I was and without hope.
- 3 By now there were several more people in the, watching what was happening in the vestry.
- 4 After the meal we went to the, the room in which the happiest evenings of my life had been passed.
- 5 I had arranged for a stone worker to change the to read “Anne Catherick, July 25th 1850”.
- 6 I found an interesting old near the lake and went inside to have a look.

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