

B.A. II
Very Short Questions

Question-1. How does the opening sentence start?

Your Answer: "Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life..."

"Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show."

Question-2. How old was David when his father died?

Your Answer: He wasn't born yet

He's a posthumous child. His father died six months before he was born.

Question-3. " 'Now let me hear some more about the Crockindills,' said Peggotty." What does she mean by "Crockindills"?

Your Answer: Crocodiles

A lot of words are mispronounced, most often by Peggotty and Aunt Betsy. David reads to Peggotty about crocodiles. Later he will become a writer.

Question-4. With what does David need to be treated, according to Mr Murdstone?

Your Answer: firmness

Mr Murdstone is his stepfather. David will bite his finger, and be sent to boarding-school.

Question-5. What P.S. does David send to Peggotty in a letter from Salem House?

Your Answer: "Barkis is willing"

Mr Barkis is the carrier who asks David to send this message. He will marry Peggotty later.

Question-6. Who's the only boy in Salem House whom Mr Creakle never lays a hand on?

Your Answer: James Steerforth

Steerforth has an easy childhood, but will turn out to be a villain later.

Question-7. In Salem House David has to wear a pasteboard placard. What's written on it?

Your Answer: "Take care of him. He bites."

He has to wear this because he bit Mr Murdstone's finger. David thinks there is a dog, but the placard is meant for him.

Question-8. Chapter 9 is called "I have a memorable birthday". What makes it so memorable?

Your Answer: His mother and little brother are buried

It's his tenth birthday. David isn't supposed to show any emotion.

Question-9. What did Charles Dickens have in common with his "favourite child" David Copperfield?

Your Answer: His first job was to label bottles

Dickens had to label bottles at Hungerford Stairs for six shillings a week when he was twelve. He was born in February, didn't have a stepfather, and was only married once. David Copperfield's career is largely autobiographical, but his private life isn't.

Question-10. David runs away from Murdstone and Grinby's warehouse to the only living relative he has. Who's this?

Your Answer: Betsy Trotwood

He writes to Peggotty to find out where Aunt Betsy lives. She's his great aunt on his father's side.

Question-11. David's aunt asks Mr Dick what she should do with the boy. What's his advice?

Your Answer: Wash him

Mr Dick's real name is Richard Babley. David will stay there until he goes to Dr Strong for his education.

Question-12. Of these, which happens first?

Your Answer: David meets Steerforth and Traddles

He meets Steerforth and Traddles at Salem House. Then his mother and little brother die, then he meets Mr Micawber at Murdstone and Grinby's warehouse, and then he sells his waistcoat on the run to Aunt Betsy.

Question-13. "I saw a cadaverous face appear (...). It belonged to a red-haired person (...) who had hardly any eyebrows, and no eyelashes, and eyes of red-brown..." Who matches this description?

Your Answer: Uriah Heep

Uriah is arguably the most interesting character apart from David. He's also one of Dickens' greatest villains.

Question-14. In chapter 16 a very pretty young lady is sitting close to Dr Strong. He calls her Annie. Who is she?

Your Answer: his wife

David mistakenly thinks she's his daughter, but she's his much younger wife. She didn't marry him out of love, and is suspected of having an affair with her cousin, Jack Maldon.

Question-15. How does Uriah Heep describe himself?

Your Answer: "a very 'umble person"

His humbleness is false, and only meant to mislead people. His mother taught him to be "'umble". Mr Wickfield is "quite a great lawyer", Mr Micawber "a beggared outcast", and David "a very honest little creature".

Question-16. Who is often in debt, writes a lot of letters, and finally emigrates to Australia?

Your Answer: Mr Micawber

Mr Micawber might be based on Charles' father John, who was in Debtors' Prison for three months. His wife also tries to solve the problems.

Question-17. What's the ironic nickname of Miss Mowcher?

Your Answer: the Giantess

She's a dwarf. Miss Mowcher recognizes Littimer when he wants to flee to Australia. "Old Soldier" is Mrs Annie Strong's mother; "the Beauty" is one of Sophy's sisters.

Question-18. Whom does Emily run away with?

Your Answer: James Steerforth

She leaves a letter to Ham: "When you, who love me so much better than I ever have deserved, even when my mind was innocent, see this, I shall be far away."

Question-19. Who's Jip?

Your Answer: Dora's dog

Dora Spenslow is David's first wife. She asks him to call her his "child-wife". She still behaves like a spoiled child, and always wants her dog with her. She dies early.

Question-20. Whom does Uriah Heep want to marry?

Your Answer: Agnes Wickfield

First he tells David that he considers him a rival, but David says he's engaged to another girl (Dora). Mr Wickfield is shocked when Uriah says: "I have an ambition to make your Agnes my Agnes".

Question-21. Mr Peggotty travels through Europe in search for Emily. Where does he finally find her?

Your Answer: London

She's found in a degenerated lodging at Golden Square.

Question-22. Complete Mr Micawber's words: "Approach me again, you - you - you __ of infamy!"

Your Answer: HEEP

This happens in chapter 52, when Uriah is unmasked as a fraud.

Question-23. Where does David see Uriah (and Littimer) for the last time?

Your Answer: in prison

Mr Creakle is much friendlier to the prisoners than to his pupils at Salem House. He believes that "Twenty Seven and Twenty Eight" are true penitents.

Question-24. Which couple never gets married?

Your Answer: Ham Peggotty and Emily

Emily runs away with Steerforth. Ham dies during the tempest in chapter 55.

Question-25. Who still lives at the end of the novel?

Your Answer: Emily

Many people die, including David's mother and little brother, Mr Barkis, Ham Steerforth and Dora. Emily starts a new life in Australia.

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