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TRIAL QUESTIONS ON SELECTED POEMS ENGL 263

BATTER MY HEART

1. What does "three personed God" mean ?
 - a. The trinity; the father, the son, and the holy spirit
 - b. The speaker is saying that God is powerful, more superior than us
 - c. The speaker is referring to himself
 - d. God and his family

2. With which God might the verbs "knock" and "break" be associated?
 - a. The holy spirit
 - b. The devil
 - c. The son (Jesus)
 - d. The father (God)

3. What is the main purpose of the alliterative phrase "break, blow, burn?"
 - a. Reminds the reader that the speaker has done terrible things and should not be forgiven
 - b. The speaker is asking God to treat him violently to punish him for his sins
 - c. Reminds the reader of a destructive tendency consistent throughout the poem
 - d. The speaker is pleading for someone to kill him

4. When is the turning point in the poem?
 - a. Line 7
 - b. Line 9

- c. Line 5
- d. Line 12

5. What is the speaker asking for from God?

- a. To forgive him for his sins
- b. To leave him alone
- c. To punish him for his sins
- d. To purify his soul

TO HIS COY MISTRESS

6. The man believe that they have infinite time

- a. True
- b. False

7. What is the major theme in the second half of the poem?

- a. Love
- b. Death
- c. Time

8. What does the word "vegetable" mean in line 11?

- a. Slow
- b. New
- c. Sweet

9. What is the tone of the man speaking to his lover?

- a. Aggressive and demanding

- b. Playfully persuasive
- c. Sad and anxious
- d. Bitter and jealous

10. The lines "But at my back I always hear / Time's winged chariot hurrying near" illustrates that

- a. The man is going to die
- b. The couple's parents do not approve of their relationship
- c. The couple have limited time for their relationship
- d. The woman is on her death bed

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