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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 consistant 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

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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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