

# **The Mayor of Casterbridge**

## **Thomas Hardy**

### **Directions:**

**The purpose of this test is to determine if you read the novel with understanding. All of the questions are presented in the order in which they appear in the novel. For instance, question number one takes place in the opening pages of the novel, and the final question takes place in the closing pages of the novel. Please answer all questions on the provided answer sheet. Most questions may be answered in one to three words.**

### **Characters**

**Michael Henchard  
Donald Farfrae  
Jopp**

**Susan Newsome  
Lucetta Templeman**

**Elizabeth-Jane  
Abel Whittle**

1. In the opening chapter of the novel, what does Michael do to Susan?
2. What oath does Michael take?
3. Where had Susan and her daughter gone for 18 years? (What country?)
4. What event has led Susan to find Michael?
5. When they arrive in Casterbridge, why are the people upset with the mayor?
6. When the women stay in the inn, how does Elizabeth-Jane help support her family?
7. Who catches the attention of Elizabeth-Jane when he sings ballads in the inn?
8. Who agrees to work for the mayor and help him with his crop?
9. What news has Susan never told her daughter?
10. How does Michael react when he finds out that Susan is in town?
11. When Michael and Susan meet again after many years, what do they resolve to do?
12. Who is the only man Michael confides in about his past life?
13. Previously, who had helped Michael when he was in despair?
14. Why isn't Elizabeth's last name changed?

**Sample Only – Full Test includes 50 questions  
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## Major Test

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1	sell her	26	Lucetta
2	not to drink for 21 years	27	Lucetta
3	Canada	28	Farfrae
4	Her husband died	29	Farfrae
5	He had sold bad corn	30	Lucetta
6	works in the kitchen delivering meals	31	He had sold his wife.
7	Farfrae	32	He admits that it is true.
8	Farfrae	33	bull
9	about her "father" and her former life	34	Henchard
10	happy - sends her a note to meet him	35	She is married to Farfrae
11	remarry	36	He loses almost everything.
12	Farfrae	37	Farfrae
13	Lucetta	38	gets drunk
14	doesn't want to dishonor her father	39	Elizabeth
15	Farfrae and Elizabeth	40	Henchard means to harm Farfrae
16	overslept after he had been warned	41	Lucetta's letters
17	Farfrae	42	begins reading the letters aloud
18	dance with Elizabeth	43	pulls him away from the carriage
19	Michael sends him a note and forbids it	44	He is stronger than Farfrae - to make a fair fight
20	Lucetta	45	she and her husband in effigy
21	Susan - Elizabeth's mother	46	She is pregnant
22	She wants them to marry.	47	Newsome - Elizabeth's father
23	Susan	48	He has wronged Elizabeth; now she can marry
24	He is not Elizabeth's father.	49	goldfinch in a cage
25	He grows to despise the girl.	50	He has just died.

**Book Test**

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