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## The Scarlet Letter

### Unit Exam

#### **PART ONE: MATCHING (1 point each)**

**Directions: Write the correct response on the answer sheet. Please remember to print legibly.**

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| A. Roger Chillingworth | F. Hester Prynne       |
| B. Mistress Hibbons    | G. Reverend Wilson     |
| C. Pearl               | H. Reverend Blackstone |
| D. Governor Bellingham | I. Governor Winthrop   |
| E. Reverend Dimmesdale | J. Ann Hutchinson      |

1. Lives with the physical and spiritual anguish of hidden guilt.
2. Practices witchcraft; widow of a Puritan magistrate
3. First settler of Boston
4. Believed to be the Black Man
5. Appoints herself a Sister of Mercy
6. Dies on the night a letter A is seen in the sky
7. Commissions a pair of gloves

#### **PART TWO: TRUE/FALSE (1 point each)**

**Directions: Legibly mark "T" for true and "F" for false on your answer sheet. Please remember to print legibly.**

8. Before Hester left England, Chillingworth was a kind and loving husband.
9. Hester first mounts the scaffold in June.
10. Pearl is not yet a year old when Hester is released from prison.
11. Roger Chillingworth is Pearl's father.

12. Hester supports herself and Pearl by selling medicinal herbs.
13. Before Hester comes to the community, Dimmesdale is a cheerful, happy man who loves to socialize with the townspeople.
14. Pearl dresses as elaborately as her mother.
15. The village children enjoy playing with Pearl because she is daring and free-spirited.
16. Hester tries to make Pearl fit in with the other children.
17. Part of Hester's punishment is to be banished from the Church.
18. According to Puritan law, Hester could have been put to death for her sin.
19. Pearl is not always a joy and pleasure to her mother.
20. Pearl resents Dimmesdale and threatens to tell his secret.

BONUS #1: Who is the author of The Scarlet Letter?

21. Hester tells Pearl she has met the Black Man.
22. For several years, Chillingworth and Dimmesdale live in the same house.
23. Chillingworth wants Dimmesdale to confess that he is Pearl's father.
24. Hester begs Dimmesdale to confess.
25. Although Dimmesdale says many times from his pulpit that he is a terrible sinner, his congregation believes him to be a saint.
26. In the forest scene, Hester persuades Dimmesdale to leave the colony and go to Europe.
27. When Chillingworth and Dimmesdale discuss sin and confession of sin, Chillingworth says a man is justified in concealing sin for spiritual comfort.
28. Chillingworth changes from a kindly, thoughtful man to an evil fiend.
29. Dimmesdale's obsession with concealing his sin eventually destroys him.
30. Hester Prynne's sin is public knowledge.
31. When Hester discards the A, Pearl refused to acknowledge her mother.

32. Dimmesdale decides to use his Election Day sermon to confess.
33. The people of the colony admire Hester's talents and she has no problems getting work.
34. Despite her problems, Hester is concerned with the well-being of others.
35. Pearl is the living symbol of Hester's sin.
36. Hester comes to hate Chillingworth.
37. Dimmesdale stands on the town scaffold at midnight to pray for Hester's forgiveness.
38. Dimmesdale dies on the scaffold.
39. Hester remains in Boston for over seven years to be near her lover.

BONUS #2: Who sings the hit song "What Do You Mean?"

**PART THREE: MULTIPLE CHOICE (1 point each)**

**Directions: Write the best answer on the answer sheet. Please remember to print legibly.**

40. The events of this story take place in: A. 1600s; B. 1700s; C. 1800s.
41. The story takes place over: A. seven years; B. ten years; C. sixteen years.
42. Three major scenes in the novel take place: A. on the scaffold; B. in the church; C. in the sunlight.
43. Hawthorne explains the rosebush symbolizes: A. Hester's beauty in contrast to the other drab village women; B. the sweet moral of his tale and relief from sorrow; C. God's love and forgiveness for Hester and her child.
44. Chillingworth discovers Dimmesdale's secret and plans to: A. expose Dimmesdale; B. confront Dimmesdale; C. become Dimmesdale's closest friend.
45. The novel opens with the description of a group of people waiting in front of a: A. prison; B. church; C. house belonging to the governor.
46. The people are waiting to: A. hear a speech; B. witness punishment; C. stone an adulteress.

47. The most outstanding feature of Hester's appearance as she leaves the prison is that she wears: A. all black clothing; B. an elaborately embroidered scarlet letter; C. rich, beautiful clothes.

48. While on the scaffold Hester is agitated when she sees: A. the father of her child; B. her husband; C. her child being taken away by some village women.

49. Hester stands on the scaffold: A. to read a passage from the Bible; B. to reveal the name of the child's father; C. as part of a punishment.

50. While Hester is on the scaffold, Dimmesdale asks her: A. to tell the name of her child's father; B. to read a passage from the Bible; C. the whereabouts of her husband.

BONUS #3: Who would you like to see performing at the Super Bowl LII (52)?

51. Hester's husband learns why she is on the scaffold from: A. Dimmesdale; B. talkative townspeople; C. Hester.

52. While she is growing up, Pearl's actions and characteristics make the townspeople think her father is: A. the Black Man; B. Dimmesdale; C. Chillingworth.

53. Chillingworth did not accompany Hester to Boston because he: A. wanted to complete his studies in Amsterdam; B. was shipwrecked near Bristol; C. did not have money for two passages to the new world.

54. Dimmesdale claims Pearl: A. keeps Hester's soul alive; B. holds the key to her father's identity; C. punishes Hester more than the scarlet letter.

55. Dimmesdale acquires a noticeable habit of: A. holding his hand over his heart; B. rubbing his forehead; C. clutching at his heart.

56. Hester spends a great deal of time: A. studying literature; B. helping the poor; C. reading the Bible.

57. Hester and Pearl live: A. in a small, isolated cottage; B. in Dimmesdale's roominghouse; C. with Mistress Hibbons.

58. Chillingworth sets himself up in the colony as a: A. doctor; B. minister; C. teacher.

59. The midnight Dimmesdale stands on the scaffold, he sees Chillingworth in the street and is overcome with: A. anger; B. terror; C. guilt.

60. Pearl responds to Dimmesdale with instinctive: A. distrust; B. delight; C. warmth.

BONUS #4: Which superhero was bit by a radioactive spider?

61. Dimmesdale finds pleasure in Chillingworth's: A. religious convictions; B. unusual viewpoints; C. companionship.

62. As Dimmesdale grows weaker, his reputation is: A. marred by suspicion; B. raised to saintly stature; C. examined by his superiors.
63. The day after the trio stand on the scaffold, a sexton walking around the area finds: A. Hester's scarlet letter; B. Dimmesdale's embroidered handkerchief; C. Dimmesdale's black glove.
64. Dimmesdale tries to purify his body by: A. giving up meat; B. scourging himself; C. praying for forgiveness.
65. The scene in the forest reveals the true feelings of: A. Hester and Dimmesdale; B. Hester and Chillingworth; C. Chillingworth and Dimmesdale.
66. Chillingworth's goal is to: A. uphold God's work; B. torture a man's soul; C. restore his reputation.
67. On Election Day when Dimmesdale admits his guilt on the scaffold: A. an A appears in the sky; B. the A disappears on his chest; C. he dies.
68. Dimmesdale promises to stand with Pearl and Hester on: A. Election Day; B. the sabbath; C. Judgment Day.
69. Hester believes herself linked to the miserable by: A. penance needs; B. mutual sin; C. vows of poverty.
70. Hester tells Pearl that she wears the A: A. as a symbol of her sin; B. as a badge of honor; C. for its gold thread.
71. Chillingworth realizes Dimmesdale knows he is Hester's husband when: A. Dimmesdale's complexion becomes flushed; B. Dimmesdale refuses the physician's medicine; C. Dimmesdale avoids his company.
72. The purpose of Election Day is to: A. elect a new minister; B. inaugurate a new governor; C. pray for God's guidance for the community magistrates.
73. The only people exempt from the rigors of the Puritan penal system are the: A. Quakers; B. Indians; C. mariners.
74. In the story the scarlet letter Hester wears is associated with all of the following except: A. able; B. affection; C. alienation.
75. After Dimmesdale reveals his guilt, Chillingworth: A. disappears, never to be seen again; B. returns to England; C. dies within a year.

BONUS #5: Name one song, album, fact, or anything by or about Taylor Swift.

**PART FOUR: ESSAY (50 points)**

**Directions: Complete one of the following essays to the best of your ability. Choose one of the following prompts and write a minimum of a 3 paragraph essay. Each paragraph should include at least 5 sentences. Make sure you put the number of your choice on your paper.**

1. Discuss the relationship between the scarlet letter and Hester's identity. Why does she repeatedly refuse to stop wearing the letter? What is the difference between the identity she creates for herself and the identity society assigns to her?
2. What is the most important symbol in the novel? Why is this the most important symbol? What does it symbolize? How does this symbolic level of meaning bring additional context to the novel?
3. What is the most important theme in the novel? Why is this the most important theme? How does this theme relate to the world in 2017? How does the reader benefit from this theme?

Answer Sheet

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BONUS #2: \_\_\_\_\_

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