

THE CANTERVILLE GHOST

Oscar Wilde

Chapter 1

1. What is the relationship between Mr. Otis and Washington?
Father-son
2. Who wanted to purchase Canterville Chase ?
Mr. Hiram B. Otis
3. Which lady was frightened into a fit?
Dowager Duchess
4. Who were called “the stars and stripes”?
The twins of Otis family

QUIZ

Chapter 1

1. Who wrote a long letter to Messrs. Myers and Podmore?
Ans: Washington Otis
2. Which sound awakened Mr. Otis at one o'clock at night?
Ans: Clank of metal
3. Who was found choking in his dressing-room, with the knave of diamonds half-way down his throat?
Ans: The wicked Lord Canterville
4. Who is referred to as ‘the United States Minister’ in the novel?
Ans: Mr. Hiram Otis
5. What was thrown at the ghost by the twins on their third night at the Canterville Chase?
Ans: A pillow
6. At whose hands was the ghost insulted and humiliated?
Ans: The twins

7. Mention the years the ghost had the upper hand against his victims one by one?

Ans: Three Hundred.

8. What is the meaning of 'lubricator'?

Ans: A substance applied on the parts of something for its smooth moving.

9. What was the profession of Mr. Otis?

Ans: American Minister

10. Who was dogmatic and judgmental?

Ans: Mr. Otis.

Chapter-1

1. Who is Mr. Hiram B. Otis ?

- (a) a driver (b) A clerk
- (c) An American Minister (d) A thief

2. Did Mr. Otis want to purchase Canterville chase ?

- (a) No, he did not buy (b) he believed in the ghost
- (c) He is a timid man (d) He wanted to buy Canterville chase

3. Who is Miss Virginia ?

- (a) sister of Mr. Otis (b) neice of Mr. Otis
- (c) neighbor of Mr. Otis (d) daughter of Mr. Otis

4. Who is Washington?

- (a) friend of Mr. Otis (b) enemy of Mr. Otis
- (c) son of Mr. Otis (d) He is a broker

5. Who murdered Lady Eleanor de Canterville ?

- (a) Mrs. Umney (b) Mr. Otis
- (c) Sir Simon de Canterville (d) Washington

- (a) He was going to settle in England
- (b) He was going to buy a haunted house
- (c) He was going to buy an old house
- (d) He was going to buy the mansion from Lord Canterville

(a) Virginia (b) Washington

(c) Mr. Otis (d) Mrs. Otis

(a) Mrs. Otis (b) Mrs. Umney
(c) Lord Canterville (d) Lady Eleanor

- (a) The sky overcast with clouds
- b) Rain started falling
- c) There was thunder and lightning
- d) Blood stains reappeared

- a) Ascot
- b) Canterville
- c) London
- d) Cheshire

a) discussed b) made fun of c) made plan against d) didn't mention

Ans: *d) didn't mention*

3. A bottle of the Tammany Rising Sun Lubricator was presented to the ghost by

- a) Washington b) Mr. Otis c) the twins d) Mrs. Otis

Ans: *b) Mr. Otis*

4. The Canterville Ghost in his brilliant career of three hundred years was

- a) never insulted b) always good to all c) respected d) prayed

Ans: *a) never insulted*

5. The ghost the bottle of the Tammany Rising Sun Lubricator.

- a) accepted b) applied c) dashed on the floor d) returned

Ans: *c) dashed on the floor*

6. Who uttered the following words?

“for I have tried it with everything. It must be the ghost”

- a) Mr. Otis b) Mrs. Otis c) Washington

Ans: *c) Washington*

7. The Otis family went out to drive:

- a) to see a movie b) to avoid the thoughts of ghost c) to meet their friends

Ans: *b) to avoid the thoughts of ghost*

8. What did Mr. Otis see when he open the door?

- a) an old man b) an old woman c) a young man

Ans: *a) an old man*

9. What is a common trait between a human being and a ghost when humiliated or insulted?

- a) love b) revenge c) happiness

Ans: b) Revenge

10. Who is the writer of The Canterville Ghost?

- a) W. B. Yeats b) T. S. Eliot c) Oscar Wilde

Ans: c) Oscar Wilde

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1. Who is Mr. Otis? Why did he want to buy Canterville Chase? 3

Otis an American-not superstitious –bought a haunted house

2. What was the history behind the blood-stain as it was given by Mrs.Umney ? 3

Sir Simon Canterville murdered his wife-his wife's brothers starved sir Simon to death-since then his soul wandered-blood of his wife remained since then

3. How did blood stain prove to be persistent?

Blood of Eleanor de Canterville-after scrubbing it appeared again & again-it was supernatural act

4. What warning was given by Mrs Umney to Otis Family?

She warned of some trouble-it's disturbing to the mansion-she had seen some mysterious things on many occasions

Long Answer Question

1. Give the character sketch of Mr. Otis.

Otis is an American minister-not believe in superstition-man of principles-not fiddle minded –not influenced by others-faces lots of challenges-fighting with ghost-not loses patience-ultimately got victory-ghost accepted defeat-moral lesson-not lose confidence & patience under any circumstances.

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2. Why did the ghost stand angry outside the closed door of Mr. Otis' bedroom?

Ans: The ghost stood angry outside the closed door of Mr. Otis' bedroom because instead of being frightened, Mr. Otis had advised him on applying lubricator to his clinking chains and had also presented a bottle of the Tamany Rising Sun Lubricator.

3. What did the twins do to the ghost?

Ans: The twins flung open the door of their bedroom and quickly flung a large pillow towards the ghost which narrowly missed the ghost's head.

4. What was the immediate effect on the ghost of the treatment given to him by Mr. Otis and the twins, on the night of his first appearance?

Ans: The ghost was surprised and unnerved at the treatment given to him by Mr. Otis and the twins and recounted of all his past encounters in which he had been successful in frightening many people with his ghastly appearances.

5. What did the Otis family do to keep themselves from the thoughts of the ghost?

Ans: The Otis family went out to drive in the cool of the evening and returned late. They also didn't mention of the ghost at all at the dinner table.

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Ans: Suggested points:

- Washington Otis
- sees the ghost
- becomes supernatural
- Mr. Otis believes in ghost

7. Why did the whole family of the Otis go out to drive?

Ans: Suggested points:

- Just for some distraction
- To divert their minds
- It is psychological

8. What did Mr. Otis see when he opened the door?

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- Mr. Otis gets up due to disturbance by the clank of the metal
- Hears the sound and footsteps

- Mr. Otis sees an old man of terrible aspect
- Eyes red burning coals, hair in matted coils
- Antique garments- soiled and ragged
- Hung heavy chains from wrists
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9. How did Mr. Otis face the ghost?

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- Mr. Otis brings a bottle of lubricator
- Handed it over to the ghost
- To make chimes less noisy
- Goes back to take rest
- The ghost dashes the bottle to the polished floor

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LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

Chapter 2

- 1. Which incident made the members of the Otis family to believe the existence of the ghost in the Canterville Chase? How did each family member react to the fact?**

Ans: The reappearance of the blood stain on the library floor removed by Washington on the next morning made the members of the Otis family to believe the existence of the ghost in the Canterville Chase.

Washington Otis again and again tried his level best to rub the stain with the Paragon Detergent and ultimately prepared a long letter of complaint to be sent to the manufacturer of the detergent. Mr. Otis thought that he perhaps was more rigid in his denial of the existence of ghosts. Mrs. Otis decided to join Psychical Society.

2. Give a pen-portrait of Mr. Otis.

Ans: Suggested points:

- Modern, materialistic, scientific approach
- No belief in ghosts
- Bold and fearless
- Buys the mansion and ignores the plain talk of Lord Canterville
- Looks dogmatic
- But made of flesh and blood
- Persistent appearance of the blood stain makes him change
- Loving and affectionate father
- Clever man
- Threatens the ghost with his revolver, but does not harm
- Memorable character

Chapter 3

1. The second appearance of the ghost..... rubbing his knees with an expression of acute agony oh his face

Q. What sort of fearful crash they found in the hall?

- a) a strong iron blade
- b) a large suit of old armour
- c) a piece of stone
- d) none of the above

2. On reaching his room he entirely broke down _____ he had been unable to wear the suit mail.

Q. The ghost was shattered and annoyed because of

- a) mischief of twins
- b) changing of colour of blood stain
- c) able to wear the suit of mail
- d) none of the above

3. For some days after this he was extremely ill _____ a winding- sheet frilled/ at the wrist and neck and a nasty dagger

Q. After his recovery, what did he resolve to do to the United States minister and his family

- a) go frighten
- b) go murder
- c) to help
- d) none of the above

4. At half- past ten he heard the family going to bed _____ as midnight sounded, he allied forth.

Q. Why was he disturbed after half- past ten

- a) gossiping of the parents
- b) family maid's voice
- c) wild shrieks of laughter from the twins
- d) none of the above

5. He bore Washington a special grudge _____ by means of Pinkerton's Paragon Detergent

Q. The ghost had a special grudge with whom for removing the blood stain by means of paragon detergent

- a) Mr. Otis
- b) Mrs. Otis
- c) The twins
- d) Mr. Washington

6. Some mornings it was a dull(almost Indian) red _____ they found it a bright emerald green.

Q. How the colour of the blood were changing from time to time?

- a) Red to purple and blue
- b) Red to purple and green
- c) Red to purple and yellow
- d) None of the above

7. The only person who did not enter _____ and very nearly cried the morning it was emerald green.

Q. Who never played joke in Otis family with the ghost?

- a) Virginia
- b) twins
- c) Mr. Washington
- d) none of the above

8. Never having seen a ghost before he naturally was terrible _____ where it was found in the morning by the butler.

Q. What was his reaction after seeing the second ghost?

- a) terribly happy
- b) terribly frightened
- c) terribly sorry
- d) none of the above

9. He then retired to _____ till evening

Q. Where did he go & stay till evening?

- a) lead coffin
- b) Attic chamber
- c) Bedroom
- d) None of the above

10. For the rest of the week _____ blood stain on the library floor.

Q. What was the cause of their excitement for the rest of the week?

- a) renewal of the blood-stain
- b) appearance of the ghost frequently
- c) the jokes and turns made by the twins

Chapter – 4

(1) Which word best explains ghost a changed ghost?

- a) Exhausted
- b) Stirred
- c) Excited
- d) Serious

(2) The twins activity made the ghost

- a) Excited
- b) Irritated
- c) Annoyed
- d) Surprised

(3) The ghost was successful in taking revenge, the statement is :-

- a) True
- b) False
- c) Unbelievable
- d) Possible

(4) The ghost decided to put the blood stain again. Name the place ?

- a) on the table
- b) on the floor of the library
- c) on the corridor
- d) on the dining hall

(5) Finally what did the ghost discover ?

- a) A relationship
- b) A fear
- c) He was invalid

6. Mr. Otis consequently resumed his great work _____ to spend the last week of his holidays at canterville chase.

Q. Virgia rode about the lanes on her pony accompanied by

- a) young Duke of Hamilton
- b) young Duke of canterville
- c) young duke of Cheshire
- d) None of the above

7. At the last moment however his terror of twins _____ dreamed of Virginia

Q. Where did the little Duke sleep in peace?

- a) In the royal bed chamber
- b) In the entrance hall
- c) On the canterville hall
- d) None of the above

8. Seized with a panic _____ ran room in a terrible state of dirt, disorder and despair

Q. When the ghost saw big surrounding with enemies on every side he vanished into the _____

- a) secret chamber
- b) the garden
- c) the royal bed chamber
- d) iron stove

9. It was however an extremely difficult make up _____ he was very pleased with his appearance.

Q. How many hours dis he take to make his preparations?

- a) 3 hours
- b) 5 hours
- c) 6 hours
- d) 10 hours

10. He removed his boots, trod as lightly as possible on the old worn eaten boards, wore a large black velvet cloak, and was careful to use the rising Sua Lubricator oiling his chains

Q. What did he wear after removing his boots?

- a) A long suit
- b) A large black velvet cloak
- c) A silk cap
- d) None of the above

Short Answer Question

1. The ghost decided to dress himself up in the antique suit of armour. What made him decide that?
2. How do the colours of the changing blood stain change the belief of the Otis family?
3. What was the reason that the ghost in Canterville castle was exhausted and tired?
4. Bring out element of humour.
5. Draw a Pen-Picture of ghost.

Chapter V &VI

MCQ

1. Why did Virginia choose to enter the home by the back staircase?

- (a) She was late
- (b) She had torn her clothes
- (c) The front doors were closed
- (d) None of the above

2. Why did Virginia take pity on the ghost?

- (a) She was innocent
- (b) She was kind to all
- (c) She was not sure if he was ghost
- (d) The ghost was depressed and alone

3. Why was the ghost astonished to see Virginia?

- (a) By her sudden appearance
- (b) By her behavior towards the ghost
- (c) As she was a pretty girl
- (d) By her advice to the ghost to mend his ways

4. Why did the ghost suffer?

- (a) He killed his wife
- (b) He killed his neighbour
- (c) Earlier he remained very rude
- (d) None of the above

5. How does the ghost take death to be beautiful?

- (a) He will get peace
- (b) He will be at rest
- (c) His sufferings will end
- (d) All of the above

6. Whom was Virginia in love with

- (a) Duke of Willington
- (b) Duke of Edenbera
- (c) Duke of Cheshire
- (d) Duke of Canterville

7. How did the ghost anger Virginia?

- (a) By calling her name
- (b) By expressing his love for her
- (c) By talking ill of her family
- (d) By kidnapping her brother

8. Where did the ghost get colour from to make blood stain?

- (a) From the painting box
- (b) From the pencil box of twins
- (c) From the kitchen
- (d) From paint shop

9. What advice did Virginia give to the ghost?

- (a) To emigrate to America
- (b) To visit England
- (c) To go to forest
- (d) None of the above

10. What did the ghost do reaching at the end of the room with Virginia?

- (a) He asked her to sit
- (b) He asked her to sing a song
- (c) He muttered some words
- (d) None of the above

11. Why was Mrs. Otis agitated when Virginia did not come down for tea?

- (a) She did not return till six O' clock
- (b) She had been missing for the past three days
- (c) All feared that the ghost had played some mischief
- (d) Virginia often left home at this time

12. Whom did Mr. Otis suspect of kidnapping Virginia?

- (a) The ghost
- (c) The gipsies
- (b) The neighbours
- (d) All the above

13. Who were notified of Virginia's disappearance

- (a) A band of gipsies
- (c) All the nearby railway station masters
- (b) Mr. Otis' best friends in America
- (d) All the above

14. Which of the following was a well – known haunt of the gipsies ?

- (a) Bexley
- (c) Brockley meadows
- (b) Canterville Chase
- (d) Scotland yard

15. Where has Virginia been really ?

- (a) Ascotroad with her friend
- (c) With duke of Cheshire
- (b) In the garden
- (d) With the ghost

16. What plan did Mr. Otis have to trace her daughter apart from informing police and railways?

- (a) Detectives
- (c) Friends
- (b) Relations
- (d) Seers

17. What did the ghost give Virginia before his death?

- (a) Some letters
- (c) Jewels
- (b) Some gold
- (d) His will

18. How did Mr. Otis react on seeing Virginia ?

- (a) Embracing her
- (c) By asking her angrily where she had been
- (b) Kissing her
- (d) All of the above

19.What happens to the ghost at the end of the chapter –VI

- (a) He went away (c) Died
- (b) He started living with the family (d) None of the above

20.Where did the ghost go with Virginia ?

- (a) On the roof (c) To his room
- (b) In the garden (d) Tapestry Chamber

II. Short Answer Type Question

1. How did Virginia come to meet Sir Simon Canterville?
2. Why did Virginia help the ghost ? Was it right for her to do so?
3. How had Sir Simon created the blood stain in the library ? Why had Virginia been upset about it?
4. When did the family realize Virginia was missing? What did they do to search Virginia.
5. How does this chapter show the Duke's love for Virginia?

III. Long question

1. What do the Otis family learn about Sir Simon's death as they stand in the secret room behind the panelling?

IV. Quiz

1. Why did Sir Simon kill his wife?
2. Who murdered Sir Simon?
3. What did the ghost present Virginia?
4. Where did the ghost meet Virginia?
5. Whom did Virginia marry at last?

Chapter -7

1. Who played the vital role to initiate the funeral procession of Sir Simon?

- i) Mr. Hiram B. Otis ii) Mrs. Otis iii) Ms. Virginia iv) Mr. Washington Otis.

2. Where did the funeral procession begin from?

- i) Canterville garden ii)) Canterville chase iii) Canterville courtyard iv) Graveyard

3. The coffin carrying carriage was drawn by-

- i) 8 black horses ii) 8 white horses iii) 6 black horses iv) 4 men

4. Where were Sir Simon's remains buried?

- i) Graveyard ii) Churchyard iii) Canterville Chase iv) Church garden.

5. What did the atmosphere give to Virginia?

- i) a replica of the garden of death.
ii) a replica of the garden of life.
iii) a replica of the garden of paradise
iv) a replica of the garden of heaven

Answer key

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MCQ

Q.1 Who was the chief mourner in the funeral of the Canterville ghost?

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| (a) Victoria | (b) Mr. Otis |
| (c) Lord Canterville | (d) Mrs. Otis |

Q.2 Who laid a large cross on the coffin of the canterville ghost?

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| (a) Victoria | (b) Mr. Otis |
| (c) Lord Canterville | (d) Mrs. Otis |

Q.3 The next morning after the funeral, Lord Canterville had a discussion with Mr. Otis on the topic of:-

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| (a) Canterville Ghost | (b) jewels left by Mrs. Otis |
| (c) jewels left by the ghost | (d) jewels left by Mrs. Umney |