Persuasion

Jane Austen

- 1 1 Elizabeth, Anne and Mary.
 - 2 (a) She was a good friend of Sir Walter's wife. (b) He was married to Sir Walter's youngest daughter, Mary. (c) He was Sir Walter's nephew. (d) She was a very good friend of Sir Walter's eldest daughter, Elizabeth.
 - 3 Because he did not visit them at Kellynch Hall, he did not marry Elizabeth and he did not tell them that he was getting married. Also, they heard that he talked very badly about the Elliot family.
 - 4 Because Sir Walter had problems with money.
 - 5 (1) Because she could see that it would be difficult for Sir Walter to live in a smaller house near Kellynch. (2) Because she thought the change would be good for Anne. (3) Because she hoped that the Elliots would leave Mrs Clay behind.
- 2 1 Because he and his wife were interested in renting it.
 - 2 Because she had once been in love with Mrs Croft's brother, Captain Frederick Wentworth.
 - 3 Lady Russell, because Captain Wentworth had no money, and because she thought he was too clever and had a dangerous character.
 - 4 She was very kind, sensible, beautiful, clever, from a good family, young and good-hearted.
- 3 1 First at Uppercross Cottage with her sister, Mary, and then at Kellynch Lodge with Lady Russell.
 - 2 Because Mrs Clay was young and good-looking, and she knew how to please Sir Walter. Anne was afraid that he might marry her. It would not be a good marriage because Mrs Clay was not from a good family and was not a good wife for a baronet.
 - 3 Anne's sister, Mary, with her husband, Charles Musgrove, and their two young sons Charles and Walter.
 - 4 Charles's parents, Mr and Mrs Musgrove, with their younger children and their two older daughters Henrietta and Louisa.
 - 5 She was a happy person when everything went well. She had a better character than her sister Elizabeth, but she too thought she was very important. She did not like to be alone, and when she was ill she always felt very sorry for herself.
- 4 1 She thought Mary gave her children everything they wanted.
 - 2 Because the Crofts were moving into Kellynch Hall on that day.
 - 3 Mrs Croft's brother, Captain Wentworth, was coming to stay with them.
 - 4 Because she said she would stay at Uppercross Cottage with Mary's little boy Charles, who had hurt his back.
 - 5 He thought that she had lost her beauty. He had not forgiven her for hurting him. He thought she had been weak, and his feelings for her had died.

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- 5 1 He was Henrietta and Louisa's cousin.
 - 2 Because he and Henrietta had begun to like each other very much, but Henrietta was not interested in him after she had met Captain Wentworth.
 - 3 Because she did not want Henrietta to marry Charles Hayter. She thought he was not important enough for Henrietta, and did not want her family to be connected to the Hayters by marriage.
 - 4 He took Mary's son, Walter, away when he climbed onto Anne's back.
- 6 1 Because they thought that Mary had silly ideas, and they knew that she did not like Charles Hayter.
 - 2 Because she wanted to go and visit Charles Hayter at Winthrop.
 - 3 A strong mind.
 - 4 Anne.
 - 5 (a) Louisa. (b) Charles Hayter.
 - 6 He saw that she was tired and asked his sister, Mrs Croft, to give her a ride in the carriage.
- 7 1 Charles, Mary, Anne, Henrietta, Louisa and Captain Wentworth.
 - 2 The woman he was engaged to, Fanny, had died in the summer.
 - 3 (a) He was a tall, dark man, with a sensible face. (b) He was a true gentleman who was warm and polite.
 - 4 (a) Captain Wentworth. (b) Captain Benwick. (c) Anne. (d) Mary.
- 8 1 (a) Henrietta. (b) Mary. (c) Anne. (d) Captain Benwick. (e) Captain Wentworth.
 - 2 They gave Louisa a bed and brought drinks and salts for the others. They said that Louisa should stay with them and they promised to nurse her. They also said that they would find space for anyone who wanted to stay.
 - 3 Because she was Louisa's sister-in-law, and because she did not want to go home without her husband.
 - 4 Charles, Mary and Louisa stayed in Lyme. Henrietta, Captain Wentworth and Anne went back to Uppercross.
- 9 1 (a) Mr and Mrs Musgrove. (b) Anne. (c) Captain Wentworth.
 - 2 Because she thought that Captain Wentworth and Louisa's love would grow and that they would soon get married.
 - 3 She did not really want to live in Bath. She missed the happy, busy life of Uppercross and the quiet life of Kellynch.
 - 4 (a) The Elliots. (b) Lady Russell.
 - 5 She thought that he was interested in Elizabeth.
 - 6 (a) He was good-looking. (b) He was a sensible man with perfect manners, who listened carefully to people.
 - 7 He said that she had a fine mind and that she should not leave them.

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- 10 1 Because her husband had not been careful with his money. When he died, he left her with nothing.
 - 2 They were both about thirty, and both had little money and no husband.
 - 3 Louisa and Captain Benwick were going to get married.
 - 4 So he could meet a pretty girl to marry.
- 11 Because she wanted to know how he felt about Louisa and to understand his feelings better.
 - 2 Because he thought that Fanny Harville was a much finer woman than Louisa, and he did not think a man could easily forget a woman like that.
 - 3 Because she could see that he still loved her.
 - 4 Because he wanted to marry her.
 - 5 Because he was jealous of Mr Elliot.
- **12** 1 Mr Elliot.
 - 2 She said he was a cold-blooded man who had no feeling for what was right. She said that he only thought about himself, did not care about others and was 'black at heart'.
 - 3 (a) He wanted to be rich. (b) He wanted to be a baronet.
 - 4 Because he wanted to marry Anne, and because he wanted to watch Mrs Clay and stop her from marrying Sir Walter.
 - 5 (a) He made him spend too much money. (b) He refused to help her and to be executor of Mr Smith's will. (c) She had hoped Anne would persuade Mr Elliot to help her sell her land in the West Indies.
- 13 (a) Charles and Mary Musgrove, Mrs Musgrove, Henrietta and Captain Harville. (b) Elizabeth. (c) Captain Wentworth.
 - 2 Because he had said that he was going away from Bath for two days. It was also strange to see these two people who wanted such different things talking together.
 - 3 Because when she talked about Mr Elliot, some of the lady visitors gave each other knowing smiles and looks.
 - 4 Anne thought that men could forget someone they loved more quickly than women could, but Captain Harville did not agree.
 - 5 Because in the letter he told her that he loved her and this made her very happy.
- 14 1 Because he was free again and could try to win Anne back.
 - 2 He knew that she had refused a better man's offer of marriage. He hoped that she had done this because of him.
 - 3 Because he saw Anne sitting next to Mr Elliot, talking and smiling.
 - 4 (a) Mr Elliot and Mrs Clay. (b) Mrs Smith.

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