

Questions on "Cranford."—Grade IX.

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1. "From Michaelmas to Lady-day."—How long a time is that? Other English quarter days? Scottish?
2. Explain—quondam friend, plumed wars, mis-nomered Cape of Good Hope, Mr. Boz, rolling three piled sentences, dissuasives, fell disease, circuitous, comely, joiner, scullery, recondite, Don Quixote-looking, sarcenet, cosset, two and twopence, Turkey carpet, assize time.
3. Who were asked "to join in a fly"? What is meant? What would such an invitation mean today?
4. "We had pudding before meat." Do we now-adays? "Now folks begin with sweet things." Do they? In what order are the different courses served at dinner?
5. "One of the charms of Cranford is the delightful humour scattered throughout." Collect some of the best examples of this delightful humour.
6. Make a brief character sketch of Lady Glenmire, and compare her with Mrs. Jamieson.
7. How should you address a queen? duchess? lord? our present Governor-General? Sir Wilfrid Laurier? Mr. Borden?
8. Who was guilty of quiet impertinence? What did she say and do? How was her impertinence received by the Cranford ladies? Why did these ladies agree to forgive and forget it?
9. Who was the widow of a Scottish baron? What difference whether Scottish, English or French? Arrange in order of rank—lord, sir, duke, earl, etc.
10. What is meant by county families? Why should they have the front seats at an entertainment? Which are now considered the best seats in a theatre? What do you mean by Dress Circle?
11. Describe the Assembly Room of Cranford? Where was it? Write a note on Drury Lane. Does "Fitz" mean something aristocratic? How about de, von, van, Mac, O'. Why would bombazine show a deeper sense of loss than rustling black silk?
12. Explain the difference between lama and llama; astronomy and astrology; road, street and lane; carnivorous and graminivorous; horizontal and perpendicular. What kind of hats do admirals wear?
13. For what were Mrs. Jamieson's front rooms used? Anything unusual in such an arrangement? Account for it? Who occupy the lower floor in a castle?
14. Name some famous people brought up beside the Avon in Warwickshire. What places do tourists visit in Warwickshire? What writer lives there now?
15. Who was Aga Jenkyns? What does Aga mean? What had Aga Jenkyns been doing all these years? Account for his long silence. What brought him to Cranford at last? Explain—Great Lama of Thibet.
16. In what respects were the boy and man alike?
17. Tell in your own words the story of Mrs. Brown's journey to Calcutta.
18. What use did people make of four-syllabled words in Mrs. Forester's day? From whom was Mrs. Forester descended? What did she leave Miss Matty in her will?
19. From "China to Peru." Show on the map. How must you go to put India in between? What is the usual way?
20. Make a list of the chief characters in "Cranford." What is the name of the person who is telling the story? How do you know? Where is her name first mentioned?
21. How do you like a book written in the first person? Do you know many others? Find one by each of the following writers: Scott, Dickens, Thackeray.
22. How did the story of the robbers start? How did it grow? What was true? Tell the story of "The Three Black Crows."
23. What person in "Cranford" is said to resemble a sulky cockatoo? Which of the characters was a prophetess? Why? Who was a cynic? Why? Whose chief fault was indiscretion? Who was fat and inert? Who was most generous? Who kept his safe in the yard? Who was honest, even to a fault? Who was dull and pompous? Who was kind, gentle, and shabbily dressed? Who wanted to marry an archdeacon and write his charges? Explain "charges," also "archdeacon."
24. How was Miss Pole interrupted in her studies and reminded of her duties as a guest? How did she prove that she was not afraid of robbers and ghosts?
25. What kind feelings were called out by Samuel Brown's illness?
26. What pet apprehensions and bugbear faults had some of the Cranford ladies?
27. What artist painted a picture of the "Virgin