

## Worksheet 1 – [Language]

### Recall

**Answer these questions after watching the video lecture to check how much you remember.**

1. Prof. Groom gives evidence as to why the novel can be referred to as a 'realist text' when he talks of where Dr. Jekyll keeps his metamorphic drugs. Find the odd one out.
  - a) The fourth drawer down
  - b) The third drawer from the bottom
  - c) The glass-fronted cupboard
  - d) Cabinet marked E
2. Three of the short chapters in the novel are called incidents. Which is not the title of a chapter in the novel.
  - a) Incident in the neglected building
  - b) Remarkable Incident of Dr. Lanyon
  - c) Incident of the Letter
  - d) Incident at the window
3. The book draws our attention to language through repetition with many instances of certain words. Which of the following words is not repeated in the book?
  - a) strange
  - b) queer
  - c) odd
  - d) peculiar
4. During the lecture, Prof. Groom describes Dr. Jekyll as an 'inscrutable recluse'. How does Prof. Groom define the word 'inscrutable'?
  - a) inexplicable
  - b) unexplored
  - c) unexplained
  - d) unfathomable
5. Prof. Groom gives various meanings to the phrase 'queer street'. Find the odd one out.
  - a) Something counterfeit
  - b) Financial difficulties
  - c) a confidence trick
  - d) peculiar, shaped buildings

### Analysis

6. In the lecture (1.32 – 1.38) Prof. Groom uses the quote below when discussing the use of puns in the novel.

"If he be Mr. Hyde," he had thought, "I shall be Mr. Seek."  
Chapter 2, 'Search for Mr. Hyde.'

- a) What other puns does Prof. Groom give to the word 'Hyde' and what do they tell us about the character of Mr. Hyde?
  - b) What does the above quote tell us about the character of Mr. Utterson?
7. During the lecture, Professor Groom suggests that the case may be a receptacle case and he talks in detail about the number of containers there are in the novel. Give examples of these containers and explore the significance of them.

### Evaluation

8.
  - a) Write a paragraph exploring the biblical allusion of Cain referred to by Prof. Groom regarding Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.
  - b) Given the abundance of biblical references in the novel, research the religious beliefs which influenced Stevenson.

## Glossary

- **Ambiguous** - open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.  
*e.g., The wording of the agreement is ambiguous.*
- **Integral** – necessary and important as a part of a whole.  
*e.g., He's an integral part of the team and we can't do without him.*
- **Recluse** - a person who lives in seclusion or apart from society.  
*e.g., My neighbour is a recluse—I only see him about once a year.*
- **Disconsolate** – extremely sad and disappointed.  
*e.g., The players were disconsolate after losing what should have been an easy game.*
- **Resonate** – to continue to have a powerful effect.  
*e.g., The significance of those great stories resonates down the centuries.*
- **Vernacular** - the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region.  
*e.g., he wrote in the vernacular to reach a larger audience.*