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I. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1. “At last a sympathetic audience.”

(I) WHO SAYS THIS?

(II) WHY DOES HE SAY IT?

(II) IS HE SARCASTIC OR SERIOUS?

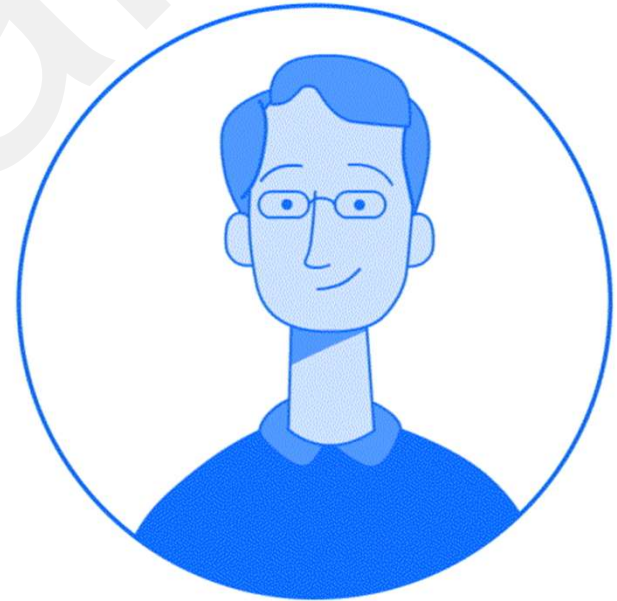


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ANSWER:

- (i) Gerrard says this.
- (ii) He says this because the intruder becomes sympathetic towards him.
- (iii) He is, no doubt, sarcastic.



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QUESTION 2. Why does the intruder choose Gerrard as the man whose identity he wants to take on?

ANSWER: The intruder chose Gerrard as the man whose identity he wants to take on because he is a kind of a mystery man. He phones his orders and sometimes goes away suddenly and come back just the same.



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QUESTION 3. “I said it with bullets.”

(I) WHO SAYS THIS?

(II) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

(III) IS IT THE TRUTH? WHAT IS THE SPEAKER'S REASON FOR SAYING THIS?



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ANSWER:

- (i) Gerrard says this.
- (ii) It means that he is not an ordinary person. He is very dangerous.
- (iii) NO, he wants that the intruder should change his idea of killing him.



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QUESTION 4. What is Gerrard's profession? Quote the parts of the play that support your answer.

ANSWER:

Gerrard is a dramatist. He says, "Sorry I can't let you have the props in time for rehearsal..."



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QUESTION 5.

“You’ll soon stop being smart.”

(I) WHO SAYS THIS?

(II) WHY DOES THE SPEAKER SAY IT?

**(III) WHAT ACCORDING TO THE SPEAKER
WILL STOP GERRARD FROM BEING
SMART?**



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ANSWER:

- (i) The intruder says this.
- (ii) He says it because Gerrard does not seem to be afraid of his gun even.
- (ii) According to the speaker, the bullet will stop Gerrard from being smart.



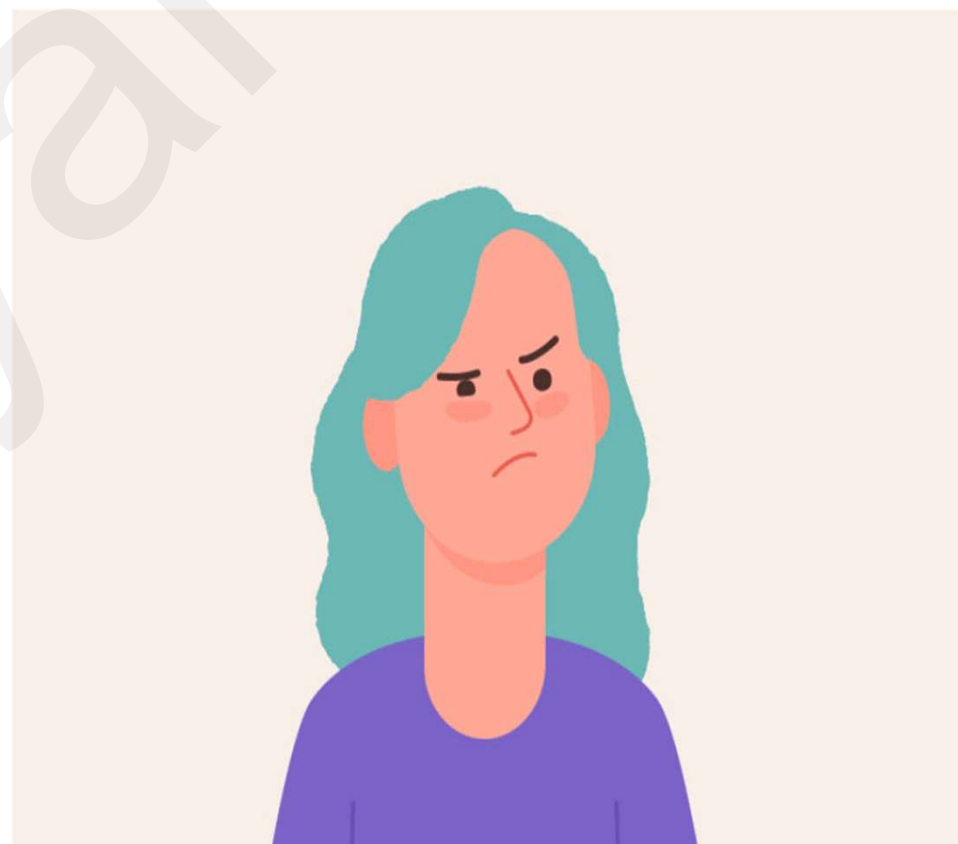
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QUESTION 6. “They can’t hang me twice.”

(I) WHO SAYS THIS?

(II) WHY DOES THE SPEAKER SAY IT?



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ANSWER:

- (i) The intruder says this.
- (ii) The speaker says it because he wants to murder Gerrard. And he has already murdered someone. So the police cannot hang him twice.



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QUESTION 7. “A mystery I propose to explain.” What is the mystery the speaker proposes to explain?

ANSWER:

The speaker wants that the intruder should explain what mystery is associated with him. The mystery is about Gerrard’s placing his orders on telephone. And he goes out suddenly and returns in the same way.



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QUESTION 8. “This is your big surprise.”

(I) WHERE HAS THIS BEEN SAID IN THE PLAY?

(II) WHAT IS THE SURPRISE?



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ANSWER:

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(i) Gerrard speaks this line. He tells the intruder that if he is not hanged for his murder, he will certainly be hanged being Vincent Charles Gerrard. At this time he utters these words.

(ii) The big surprise is that Gerrard will not be killed by him. He is right in saying this.

