

English 10  
Exam Review  
Passages for Short Answer

1. “Furthermore,” said the master, “let’s make a pact. Here’s a wager: what I win in the woods will be yours, and what you gain while I’m gone you will give to me. Young sir, let’s swap, and strike a bond, let a bargain be a bargain, for worse or for better.”

Name the text and author.

Name the speaker (be specific, explain if you need to):

Give the context of the passage:

What is the significance of the passage to the themes of the text?

2. In a spirit of thankfulness let me recall the mercies you lavished on me, O my God; to you let me confess them.

Name the text and author:

Who is the speaker of the passage?

This passage comes from near the end of the text we studied. Discuss the meaning of the word “confess” in this passage.

What are some other meanings of this word?

3. In off the moors, down through the mist bands  
God-cursed \_\_\_\_\_ came greedily loping.  
The bane of the race of men roamed forth,  
hunting for prey in the high hall.

Name the text from which this passage comes.

Fill in the blank.

Describe the style of the passage, pointing to elements characteristic of the work as a whole.

How does the setting in the passage reflect the tone of the passage?

How does the passage relate to a theme prominent in the text?

4. I closed the book, marking the place with a finger between the leaves or by some other means, and told \_\_\_\_\_ what happened. My face was peaceful now. He in return told me what had been happening to him without my knowledge.

Name the text and the author:

Fill in the blank:

What has happened that the speaker is telling the other person?

What has happened to the other person in the meantime?

What is the outcome of this scene?