

The Human Anatomy in English Literature

English Literature · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein', what specific medical field is Victor Frankenstein primarily obsessed with studying to bring his creation to life?

- A) Cardiology
- B) Galvanism**
- C) Neurology
- D) Dermatology

2. In William Shakespeare's 'Macbeth', what physical symptom does Lady Macbeth exhibit as a manifestation of her psychological guilt?

- A) Chronic coughing
- B) Compulsive hand-washing**
- C) Involuntary tremors
- D) Excessive sneezing

3. In Charles Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol', which character suffers from a physical disability that represents the fragility of the poor, often attributed to tuberculosis in literary analysis?

- A) Tiny Tim**
- B) Bob Cratchit
- C) Ebenezer Scrooge
- D) Jacob Marley

4. Which English author wrote 'The Yellow Wallpaper', a short story that highlights the 19th-century medical practice known as the 'rest cure' for nervous conditions?

- A) Charlotte Brontë
- B) Charlotte Perkins Gilman**
- C) Virginia Woolf
- D) George Eliot

5. In Bram Stoker's 'Dracula', the protagonist's physiological condition is often interpreted by critics as a literary representation of which blood-borne disease?

- A) Anemia**
- B) Pernicious anemia
- C) Leukemia
- D) Hemophilia

6. In Jane Austen's 'Sense and Sensibility', Marianne Dashwood suffers from a severe physical illness after being caught in the rain, which is described as a 'putrid sore throat', modernly identified as what?

- A) Pneumonia
- B) Influenza
- C) Scarlet fever**
- D) Asthma

7. In George Orwell's '1984', Winston Smith suffers from a chronic physical ailment that serves as a constant reminder of his harsh living conditions; what is it?

- A) A persistent cough
- B) A varicose ulcer**
- C) Recurring migraines
- D) Severe nearsightedness

8. In 'The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde', the physical transformation is prompted by a potion; what biological process does Hyde's stature represent, which was a concern in Victorian eugenics?

- A) Atavism**
- B) Hypertrophy
- C) Metabolism
- D) Ossification