Health and Anatomy in English Literature

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1. In Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein', what specific scientific field does Victor Frankenstein study at the University of Ingolstadt to understand the human body?

A) Astronomy
B) Chemistry and Anatomy
C) Mathematics
D) Botany

2. In Charles Dickens's 'Bleak House', which character dies from 'spontaneous combustion,' a medical impossibility later referenced by scholars as a satirical commentary on poor living conditions?

A) Esther Summerson
B) John Jarndyce
C) Krook
D) Inspector Bucket

3. Which organ is famously described by William Shakespeare in 'Julius Caesar' when Brutus refers to his 'poor [organ]' being at war with his mind?

A) Heart
B) Lungs
C) Liver
D) Stomach

4. In Daniel Defoe's 'A Journal of the Plague Year', the text provides a detailed account of the symptoms of the Bubonic Plague, which is primarily caused by which bacterium?

A) Yersinia pestis
B) Escherichia coli
C) Vibrio cholerae
D) Salmonella typhi

5. Charlotte Brontë's 'Jane Eyre' depicts Helen Burns suffering from a disease that was the leading cause of death in 19th-century England. What is the modern name for this infection?

A) Smallpox
B) Tuberculosis
C) Influenza
D) Scarlet Fever

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6. In 'The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' by Robert Louis Stevenson, the transformation is often analyzed as a metaphor for which contemporary Victorian medical concern?

A) Allergy
B) Addiction
C) Diabetes
D) Myopia

7. In George Orwell's '1984', Winston Smith suffers from a varicose ulcer, which is a symptom of chronic venous insufficiency affecting which part of the body?

A) Arms
B) Face
C) Legs
D) Back

8. Thomas Hardy's 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles' mentions the physical toll of agricultural labor, which can lead to musculoskeletal strain. Which system in the human body is primarily responsible for voluntary movement?

A) Endocrine
B) Muscular
C) Digestive
D) Lymphatic

9. In 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' by Oscar Wilde, Dorian remains youthful while his portrait ages. Biologically, which process describes the gradual decline of bodily functions over time?

A) Senescence
B) Homeostasis
C) Metabolism
D) Mitosis

10. Jane Austen's characters frequently mention 'consumption,' an archaic term for a wasting disease that specifically targets which primary respiratory organ?

A) Kidneys
B) Liver
C) Lungs
D) Heart

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