

# Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

## 1 Choose the correct answer.

1. Where do you think Dr. Jekyll is in this scene?
  - a. In his consulting room.
  - b. In his laboratory.
  - c. In his sitting room.
2. Who do you think Poole is?
  - a. A friend of Dr. Jekyll's.
  - b. Dr. Jekyll's butler.
  - c. Dr. Jekyll's lab assistant.
3. Why do you think Poole is worried?
  - a. Because he is afraid something is happening to Dr. Jekyll.
  - b. Because he hears a weird sound and a voice which is not Jekyll's.
  - c. Because of both the above reasons.
4. Why do you think Dr. Jekyll says he is with a friend called Mr. Hyde?
  - a. Hyde is the first name which comes to his mind.
  - b. Hyde is his second name.
  - c. Hyde has a symbolic meaning suggesting something hidden.

## 2 Use these quotes from *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* as debate topics.

- a. Dr. Jekyll: "A man cannot destroy the savage in him by denying its impulses. The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it."
- b. Dr. Jekyll: "Oh, God. This I did not intend. I saw a light but did not know where it was headed. I have trespassed on your domain. I have gone further than Man should go."
  1. Do you think a person's impulses should always be followed/ supported or it would be better to deny them in some cases? If so, under what circumstances?
  2. Do you share the thesis that "the only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it"?
  3. What is your interpretation of "I have done futher than Man should go"?



- The film was a notorious critical failure when released, although it eventually made a profit of \$2 million around the world.
- Spencer Tracy wanted the characters of Ivy and Beatrix to be played by the same actress to reinforce the theme of the good and bad qualities in every individual.
- Director Victor Fleming slapped both Ingrid Bergman and Lana Turner in different scenes in order to get the desired response of tears from them.
- Spencer Tracy wanted to play the Hyde role without make-up, but his test performance in the transformation scene was unconvincing, so make-up was used after all.