

Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice

KEY TO THE EXERCISES AND EXIT TEST

INTRODUCTION

Page 7 – exercise 1

- She was born in 1775.
- When Jane Austen was born they lived in Steventon, and they moved to Bath. After her father's death her family moved to Chawton.
- He was a rector.
- They belonged to the upper classes.
- She started writing to amuse her family.
- They visited friends, read, went to parties and danced.
- Its original title was *First Impressions*.
- Sense and Sensibility, Mansfield Park, Emma, Northanger Abbey and Persuasion*.
- She was 42 years of age.

CHAPTER 1

Page 10 – exercise 1

- property
- the north of England
- next week
- five
- fall in love
- visit
- marry one of his daughters
- intelligent
- surprised

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- Because he wants to surprise them.
- Her main concern is to get all her daughters married.
- He's young, handsome with a simple, friendly manner.
- He returns with his two sisters, his brother-in-law and a friend.
- They are upper class.
- He's tall and handsome with a noble appearance and at the beginning everybody looks at him with admiration.
- Because of his proud and unfriendly manners.
- He thinks that she's only tolerable.
- She thinks that they're handsome and well educated, but proud and conceited.

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- knows what his feelings
- have not
- don't mind hearing
- are not as intelligent as
- would not describe Mr Bingley
- no comparison between him and
- would not meet
- did not expect him
- she thought they would be

Page 18 – exercise 3

The tone is ironic and humorous. The conversation between Mr and Mrs Bennet also has the same humorous and ironic tone.

Page 18 – exercise 4.

- A** a. single b. property c. flatter
d. permission e. favourable
f. simple g. noble h. disagreeable
i. handsome j. fault
- B** a. property b. permission
c. favourable d. single
e. handsome f. fault

Page 19 – exercise 5

- discovers/learns
- let
- fortune
- daughters
- sisters
- Darcy
- manners
- dance
- handsome

CHAPTER 2

Page 28 – exercise 1

- A
- A
- D
- D
- C
- A
- B
- D

Page 29 – exercise 2

- Because it mortified hers.
- Their father's property consists of Longbourn alone.
- Their mother is not from the upper classes.
- She turns down his offer to dance.
- She is telling Mr Darcy that even though he may find Elizabeth charming, she is certainly not charming enough to make him want to put up with the insupportable Mrs Bennet as a mother-in-law.

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- Mrs Bennet said that she had told her all about it.
- Mr Bennet said that she wanted to tell him.
- Mr Bennet said that he would write to him to give him

permission to marry one of the girls.

- Mr Darcy told Mr Bingley that his sisters were not free and that he was dancing with the only handsome girl there.
- Jane said that she had not expected such a compliment.
- Elizabeth said to her mother that she thought she could promise her never to dance with him.
- She said that she was going to talk with him about that the next day.

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- 'My brother will arrive later this evening,' he said.
- 'I have never been to northern England,' she said.
- 'We always walk to town when the weather is nice,' they said.
- 'I am going to call on Mr Bingley tomorrow,' said Mr Bennet.
- 'My sister is still rather ill,' said Elizabeth.
- 'I saw my brother two months ago,' he said.

Page 32 – exercise 5

- a. a mixture of pride and impertinence b. none c. none d. none e. wild f. country town indifference
- He said she looked very well.
- He said they were brilliant with exercise.

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Their opinion of Elizabeth:
Mr Bennet: intelligent
Mrs Bennet: not as handsome as Jane, not as good humoured as Lydia
Mr Bingley: very pretty, looked very well
Mr Darcy: at first only tolerable, then notices her beautiful eyes, light, pleasing figure, playful manners, eyes brilliant with exercise



Key to the exercises

Mr Bingley's sisters: her manners are a mixture of pride and impertinence; no conversation, no style and no beauty

CHAPTER 3

Page 33 – exercise 1

1. C 2. A 3. A 4. B 5. A 6. B

Page 42 – exercise 1

- Because she wanted her to spend more time at Netherfield with Mr Bingley.
- So that he could ridicule her taste in music.
- He responded gallantly to her impertinence.
- She talked to him about Elizabeth's mother and officer-chasing sisters.
- It was going to go to his cousin Mr Collins.
- He was tall, heavy-looking and a flatterer.
- She was Mr Collins' patroness.
- He looked at him in surprise and his face changed colour.

Page 43 – exercise 2

- had been studying
- had been cleaning
- had been reading
- had been arguing
- had been eating
- had been driving

Page 44 – exercise 3

- had not been studying
- was standing / had been waiting
- was practicing
- had been sleeping
- was coming
- was sitting / had been talking
- had been walking
- was listening

Page 44 – exercise 4

A. 1 B. 6 C. EXTRA HEADING D. 7 E. 5 F. 3 G. 0 H. 2 I. 4

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appearance: gentleman-like
name: Mr Wickham

profession: officer in regiment
how he is looked at by Darcy: with surprise
his reaction at seeing Darcy: he changes colour

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Open answer.

Page 45 – exercise 7

Open answer.

CHAPTER 4

Page 54 – exercise 1

- False – Wickham goes to sit by Elizabeth.
- False – He was treated badly by Darcy.
- True
- False – He loses the card game.
- False – She smiles when she hears this news.
- True
- True
- False – She criticises him.
- True

Page 54 – exercise 2

- Her opinion is good. She finds his conversation agreeable. She is shocked when she hears about Darcy's behaviour towards him.
- Possible answer: He was worried about his friend marrying someone who was so much inferior.
- Because he could hear her mother's conversation about Jane's future marriage with Bingley.

Page 55 – exercise 3

- Unfortunately
- disagreeable
- beautiful
- pleasure
- invitation
- connections
- extremely
- behaviour
- allusions
- wealthy

Key to the exercises

Page 56 – exercise 4.

- A a. exciting b. surprised
c. interested d. amused
e. embarrassing
- B Open answer.

CHAPTER 5

Page 57 – exercise 1

1. F 2. T 3. C 4. B 5. Y 6. N

Page 68 – exercise 1

1 marriage 2 Elizabeth 3 Church
4 happy 5 Bourgh 6 refuses 7 anger
8 father's 9 letter 10 Caroline
11 London 12 intention 13 Darcy
14 Lucas 15 love

Page 69 – exercise 2

Possible answer:
My most noble Lady de Bourgh,
I have the great pleasure of announcing that I will be marrying the lovely Charlotte Lucas. Of course, you will wish to know why I am not marrying one of the Bennet sisters. Well, at first I had thought that it would be right to marry one of them. After all, I will one day become the master of Longbourn, and the only truly honourable thing for me was to first see if one of the five daughters was available for marriage. My first choice was the lovely Jane, who, as I learned, was already near engagement with Mr Bingley. Of course, I would not have wanted to break up such a match. I decided, therefore, to present my humane offer to one of the other sisters, even though I had no real desire to do so. The sister I chose was Elizabeth, who proved to be totally unworthy of the generosity I showed her. Fortunately, I immediately encountered a much lovelier woman, Charlotte Lucas, and she has agreed to marry me.

I will send you more details in my next letter.

Your humble servant
Mr Collins

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- She does not seem to like it at all since Charlotte is marrying for personal interest alone. Of course, Elizabeth too considers financial security important, but she also considers real love essential for marriage.
- Open answer.
- Open answer.

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- They are good friends.
- Because she knows that her daughter will become mistress of Longbourn upon Mr Bennet's death.
- That the possession of Longbourn is more important to her than the life of her friend.

Page 70 – exercise 5

- got him to stay / made him stay
- let Elizabeth read
- get Elizabeth to accept
- make Mrs Bennet stop
- let Mr Collins finish
- made me go
- made me think

THE SOCIAL CONTEXT IN JANE AUSTEN'S TIME

Page 73 – exercise 1

- aristocracy, lesser gentry, professional people, farmers, domestic servants and country and town workers.
- aristocracy - inherited wealth and estates; lesser gentry - inherited wealth usually in the form of land.
- a fixed code of accepted rules for behaving, dressing, courting and travelling.

Key to the exercises

CHAPTER 6

Page 85 – exercise 1

1. B 2. B 3. C 4. D 5. A 6. B 7. D
8. B

Page 87 – exercise 2

1. i. If Elizabeth had accepted Mr Collins' marriage proposal, Mr Bennet would have been very disappointed in her.
2. g. If Mr Bennet had had a son, his estate would have remained in the family after his death.
3. h. If Elizabeth had not spoken with Colonel Fitzwilliam she would have continued to blame Miss Bingley for her sister's suffering.
4. d. If Fitzwilliam had been the eldest son, he would have had enough money to marry whoever he wanted.
5. f. If Jane had had a wealthier and better connected family, Bingley's sister would not have objected to her marrying their brother.
6. a. If Mr Collins had not had a good house and living he would not have asked Elizabeth to marry him.
7. b. If Jane had taken the carriage to go to Netherfield, she would not have caught a cold.
8. e. If she had not caught a cold she would not have stayed at Netherfield for so many days.
9. c. If Charlotte had been a romantic young woman she would not have married Mr Collins.

CHAPTER 7

Page 97 – exercise 1

- a. False – She did not speak because she was so surprised.
b. False – He was angry and hurt in his pride.
c. False – She did not think he was

- polite because he told her that it would be a degradation to marry her.
d. True
e. False – He did not apologise because he could not apologise for being honest.
f. False – She was pleased that she had caused such a fine gentleman to fall in love with her.
g. True
h. True
i. True
j. True
k. True
l. False – She realised she had judged him wrongly because of vanity.

Page 98 – exercise 2

Possible answer:

My Dearest Elizabeth,
Since we have been friends for so many years I will tell you honestly what I think. I believe that Mr Darcy's opinion of your family justifies his behaviour, but only to a certain extent. Certainly, a decent family should not tolerate that the daughters run after officers. The father should forbid such action. Also, at times, your mother is not very subtle in her attempts to get her daughters married and her manners certainly work against her own interests. Still, I believe that Mr Darcy should have decided on his own whether he accepted your family or not before asking for your hand in marriage. If he thought your family too much below him then he should not have asked you at all. His declaration of marriage, I believe, shows a certain weakness of character.

I hope my opinion will be of some help to you.

Your loyal friend,
Harriet

Key to the exercises

Page 98 – exercise 3

- a. 5 b. 4 c. 1 d. 2 e. 3 f. 6

- a. take/out b. take over c. take after
d. take on e. takes up f. take up
g. takes up h. take on

CHAPTER 8

Page 99 – exercise 1

1. May 2. walk to Meryton 3. his regiment was soon leaving for Brighton. 4. felt 5. Bingley 6. the regiment was leaving in a week/it was the regiments last week in Meryton. 7. went away/left 8. received an invitation (to Brighton). 9. Elizabeth 10. marry Miss de Bourgh.

Page 111 – exercise 1

- a. Because Mrs Gardiner has friends there.
b. Pemberley is Mr Darcy's estate. They go there because Mrs Gardiner wants to see it.
c. Because she talks so well of her master, saying that he is never unkind and isn't proud.
d. She meets Darcy.
e. They're both embarrassed.
f. He's very kind and courteous.
g. He wants to introduce Elizabeth to his sister.
h. She realises that she isn't proud, only shy.

Page 112 – exercise 2

Possible answers:

- b. Do you know if Elizabeth often writes to Charlotte?
c. I don't suppose you know when Mr Darcy is returning to Pemberley.
d. I wonder if you have seen Lady Catherine recently.
e. Could you tell me why the coach did not stop in Lambton?

- f. I wonder if that is Colonel Fitzwilliam.

Page 112 – exercise 3

1. let 2. although 3. became
4. however/though 5. where 6. from
7. by 8. but 9. it 10. despite
11. instead 12. while 13. if

CHAPTER 9

Page 124 – exercise 1

- a. In the first letter she learns that Lydia has run off with Wickham and in the second letter she is told that it doesn't seem that they intend to marry.
b. Darcy arrives at that moment and she tells him the bad news. He is very shocked and concerned.
c. They immediately return to Longbourn.
d. Mr Bennet feels that it is his fault - he has not taken enough interest in the education of his daughters and this is the consequence. He confesses his feelings to Elizabeth who comforts him.
e. No, not at all. As soon as she hears of the marriage she is excited at the prospect of showing her married daughter to the neighbourhood.
f. No, they haven't.
g. Mr Bennet is rather severe, the sisters are uneasy while Mrs Bennet is delighted.

Page 125 – exercise 2

- a. I wish he were/was intelligent.
b. Elizabeth wishes he didn't know about Lydia's elopement with Darcy.
c. Elizabeth would rather Lydia didn't tell her about her marriage.

- d. He'd rather Mr Bennet didn't stay in London.
 e. He wishes she was in love with him.

Page 125 – exercise 3

Possible answer:

Elizabeth had not seen her sister, Lydia for five long years, so she decided to visit her and her husband in the north of England. Worried, she knocked at the door of her sister's humble home. The door opened and a little girl, about five years old, appeared. Very politely the little girl asked Elizabeth what she wanted. Elizabeth responded, 'I have come to see Mrs Wickham.' 'Oh,' the little girl said with a knowing smile, 'you mean my mother!' 'Yes,' said Elizabeth, 'is she at home?' 'No, she went to town to buy some things for me and my baby brother. She will be back soon, and even father will be home soon. He's in the army, you know, and he has a lovely uniform and he sometimes rides a horse and sometime he lets me ride on it too. But with him, of course. Because alone I'm too small yet. Later though he'll get me a pony and who are you?'

Here Elizabeth started. The little girl's warbling voice had enchanted her and all she could think as she peeped into the humble but neat little house was, Oh, this little girl is happy and so my sister must be happy too. Once again my prejudices have lead me astray. Lydia is happy and I, the noble Mrs Darcy, was sure she wouldn't be. 'Oh, I am her sister, and so I am also your aunt. May I wait here with you until she returns?'

'Of course,' cried out Elizabeth's pretty little niece, who promptly began to tell about her dog and the garden and the earthworms in the rain and...

Page 125 – exercise 4

Open answer.

THE ROLE OF WOMEN
IN THE REGENCY PERIOD

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- a. At home, in the fields or in factories,
 b. Governesses
 c. To draw, to do as little domestic work as possible
 d. A little walking and dancing
 e. Because they were neither one of the family nor one of the servants
 f. Through marriage
 g. Because their financial security depends on them finding a sufficiently wealthy husband
 h. She did not need to marry to be financially secure
 i. It will keep her from poverty
 j. Because Mrs Bennet was not a member of the upper class
 k. Their great moral propriety

Page 129 – exercise 2

Open answer.

CHAPTER 10

Page 137 – exercise 1

- a. False – She received the letter from her aunt.
 b. True
 c. True
 d. True
 e. True
 f. False – She was rude only to Darcy.
 g. False – She didn't know this.
 h. True

Page 137 – exercise 2

- A. a. pride b. motive c. refused
 d. pleasure e. impudent
 f. mortified g. proud h. politeness

- i. delightful j. beauty

- B a. motive b. refused c. mortified
 d. politeness e. delightful

Page 138 – exercise 3

- a. At the ball Darcy made some unpleasant remarks about Elizabeth which were overheard by her.
 b. Mr Collins proposed to Elizabeth whose first reaction was to laugh.
 c. Elizabeth and the Gardiners went to Pemberley where they met Darcy.
 d. Elizabeth talked about Darcy to the housekeeper of Pemberley whose opinion of him was very good.
 e. When Elizabeth received the bad news about Lydia she told Darcy who took the news very seriously.
 f. Mr Gardiner went to London where he found Lydia and Wickham.
 g. Elizabeth read the letter which was from her aunt.

CHAPTER 11

Page 148 – exercise 1

- a. Lady Catherine de Bourgh.
 b. She's rude and unfriendly.
 c. She asks to speak to Elizabeth.
 d. She comes to find out if it is true that Elizabeth is going to marry Darcy.
 e. Lady de Bourgh's daughter.
 f. She's a woman of no importance without family, connections or fortune.
 g. She's offended and angry.
 h. Darcy learns about the visit and he begins to hope that Elizabeth has changed her mind.

- i. At first they are all shocked and surprised as they all believe that she doesn't like Darcy, but when they learn the truth they are all very happy for her. Mrs Bennet is immediately delighted that her daughter is making such a good marriage.

Page 148 – exercise 2

1. B 2. H 3. C 4. A 5. D 6. E


JANE AUSTEN AND
THE ROMANTIC MOVEMENT

Page 151 – exercise 1

- a. The balance she maintains between reason and feelings, her realistic description of people and her great sense of irony.
 b. Her style is elegant, clear and precise.
 c. Her plots are based on character interaction.
 d. It contributes to the understanding of the characters' personalities.
 e. One of the great masters of the English novel.

INTERNET PROJECT

Go to www.blackcat-cideb.com or www.cideb.it

Insert the title of this book in the Search.
 Open the page for *Pride and Prejudice*.
 Click on the project link symbol  to find a list of suggested Web sites.

1 Are the following statements true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Jane Austen was born in 1875 in Steventon, Hampshire. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. She came from a rich upper-class family. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. She lived most of her life in the country. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. She started writing to entertain her family. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. She published six novels in her lifetime. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> was based on an earlier novel called <i>First Impressions</i> . | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. The Prince Regent didn't like <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and wrote her a letter of complaint. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h. She was just 42 when she died. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SCORE: /8

2 Answer the following questions.

- Why was Mrs Bennet so excited when she learned that Netherfield Park had been let?
- Why did Mr Darcy make a bad impression on people when they first met him?
- How large was Mr Bennet's property?
- Why did Catherine and Lydia like going to the town of Meryton?
- Who was Mr Collins?
- What is Lady Catherine de Bourgh's relationship to Mr Darcy?
- What was Mr Wickham's relationship to Mr Darcy?
- Who was Mr Gardiner?
- How was he different from his sister?
- What was Lady Catherine like?
- How did Mr Darcy persuade Mr Bingley not to marry Jane?
- Once Elizabeth learned the truth about Wickham, why did she not tell all her sisters about him?
- How did Mrs Bennet react when she learned that Lydia had actually married Mr Wickham?
- Why did Mr Darcy give Mr Wickham money so that he would marry Lydia?

SCORE: /14

3 Say whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), and then correct the false ones.

- | | T | F |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Mr Bennet prefers Elizabeth over his other daughters because she is the most beautiful. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Mr Darcy did not wish to dance with Elizabeth the first time he saw her because he thought she was too silly. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Mr Darcy was first attracted to Elizabeth because of her intelligence. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Mrs Bennet sent Jane to visit Netherfield by horse and not with a carriage because she wanted Jane to spend the night there. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Mr Darcy immediately started to fall in love with Elizabeth. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f. Mr Collins worked hard to be good in the art of flattery. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g. After talking with Mr Wickham the first time about Mr Darcy, Elizabeth was convinced that Mr Darcy was not a man of honour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i. Mr Bennet was pleased with Elizabeth's decision not to marry Mr Collins. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| j. Mrs Gardiner thought that Elizabeth should be cautious in her relationship with Mr Wickham because he was an officer. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| k. When Mr Darcy first asked Elizabeth to marry him, he told her that it would be the greatest honour in the world for him and his family if she accepted. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| l. Mr Wickham tried to elope with Mr Darcy's younger sister. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| m. Mr Darcy's housekeeper at Pemberley spoke very well of him to Elizabeth. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| n. Mr Darcy was present at Lydia's wedding. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| o. Jane was happy about Elizabeth's marriage with Mr Darcy because Mr Darcy had helped Lydia. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SCORE: /14

- 1.**
 - a.** False – She was born in 1775.
 - b.** False – They were upper class but they weren't rich.
 - c.** True
 - d.** True
 - e.** False – Four novels were published in her lifetime. Two were published after her death.
 - f.** True
 - g.** False – He liked *Pride and Prejudice* very much and wrote her a complimentary letter.
 - h.** True
- 2.**
 - a.** Because it had been let to a wealthy young man who would make a good husband for one of her daughters.
 - b.** Because he seemed to be so proud and unfriendly.
 - c.** It was rather small and consisted of basically Longbourn, his estate.
 - d.** Because, there, they could spend time with the young officers.
 - e.** He was Mr Bennet's cousin and he was going to inherit Longbourn when Mr Bennet died.
 - f.** She is his aunt.
 - g.** Mr Wickham's father had been Mr Darcy's father's steward.
 - i.** Mrs Bennet's brother.
 - j.** Although he was not a gentleman by birth, he had gentleman-like manners and was better educated than his sister.
 - k.** She was a tall, large, talkative and extremely proud woman.
 - l.** He convinced Mr Bingley of Jane's indifference towards him.
- m.** Because his regiment was going to Brighton and so she did not think that it was so important.
- n.** She was extremely happy, only thinking of the fact that one of her daughters was finally married.
- o.** Because he felt that it was his fault that nobody knew what kind of person Mr Wickham really was.

- 3.**
 - a.** False – He prefers her because she is the most intelligent.
 - b.** False – He did not dance with her because he did not feel that she was handsome enough for him.
 - c.** False – He was first attracted by her eyes, her figure and her pleasant manners.
 - d.** True
 - e.** False – He felt that it was the inferiority of her connections which saved him from falling in love with her.
 - f.** True
 - g.** True
 - i.** True
 - j.** False – She thought she should be cautious because Mr Wickham did not have a fortune.
 - k.** False – He told her that it would be a kind of degradation for him if they married.
 - l.** True
 - m.** True
 - n.** True
 - o.** False – She was only happy about Elizabeth's wedding when she was satisfied that Elizabeth truly loved Mr Darcy.