



Juno & the Paycock
English Past Exam Questions
Ordinary Level

2007

Paper 2 – Section 1 – Question F

F JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK – Sean O’Casey

Answer **all** of the questions.

1. (a) What are Jerry Devine and Mary arguing about in Act I? (10)
- (b) In Act 2, Captain Boyle states that Charles Bentham and Jerry Devine are “*a pain in the face*”.
Do you think this is a fair comment on **either** of these two men?
Explain your answer. (10)
2. “What happens to Mary is worse than what happens to Johnny.” Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer. (10)
3. Answer **ONE** of the following: [Each part carries 30 marks]
 - (i) Imagine that you are Mary, at the end of the play. Write **two** diary entries revealing your attitude to Charles Bentham.

OR

- (ii) Write a review of *Juno and the Paycock* in which you advise your readers to attend or not to attend a performance of the play.

OR

- (iii) “In the play *Juno and the Paycock* the women are the ones who offer us most hope for the future.”
Discuss this view in the light of your knowledge of the play.

2006

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Answer **all** of the questions.

1. (a) Briefly describe how Juno helps Mary, her daughter, after finding out that she is pregnant. (10)

(b) Describe Captain Boyle’s response to the fact that Mary is pregnant. (10)

2. Do you think that Jerry Devine does the right thing in rejecting Mary when he discovers she is pregnant by Bentham? Explain your answer. (10)

3. Answer **ONE** of the following: [Each part carries 30 marks]

(i) “*I’m an oul’ comrade – you wouldn’t shoot an oul’ comrade.*”

Imagine Johnny were to make a speech to the men who are going to kill him in order to convince them to let him go. Write the speech he would make.

OR

(ii) If you were an actor, which character in the play, *Juno and the Paycock*, would you like to play? Explain your choice and describe how you would bring the character to life.

OR

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(iii) “While the play, *Juno and the Paycock*, is basically sad, there is much in it to make us laugh.”

Describe one comic situation from the play and say why, in your opinion, it was so funny.

2005

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Answer **all** of the questions.

1.
 - (a) Describe life in the Boyle household during Act I of *Juno and the Paycock*, before they got word of the will that was to make them rich. (10)
 - (b) How does the promise of the money change their way of life? Support your answer by reference to the text. (10)
 - (c) “Juno is the character that we admire most in *Juno and the Paycock*.” Would you agree with this view? Support your answer by brief reference to the play. (10)
2. Answer **ONE** of the following: [Each part carries 30 marks]
 - (i) Imagine that you had tickets for a performance of the play, *Juno and the Paycock*. Explain which part of the play you were most looking forward to seeing acted and say why. Support your answer with references to the text.

OR
 - (ii) Charles Bentham deserts Mary Boyle after she becomes pregnant. Write the letter Juno, Mary’s mother, would send to him when the baby is born.

OR
 - (iii) “Captain Boyle and Joxer make us laugh, but there is more sadness than fun in their lives.”

Write a response to this description of Boyle and Joxer supporting your points by reference to the play.