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**En10**

**Short Stories: Charles - Shirley Jackson**

**Answer carefully and completely. Please write in COMPLETE SENTENCES**

1. Who narrates (or tells) the story? (/1)
2. When is Charles first mentioned in Laurie's home? What had he done the very first time that he was mentioned? (/2)
3. How does Charles become an "institution" in the family, a kind of household joke? (/3)
4. Why are Laurie's parents so eager to meet his teacher? (/2)
5. Why do you think Laurie's parents took so long to discover the truth about "Charles"? Give two or more reasons. (/5)
6. Why do you think Laurie created "Charles"? (/3)
7. The writer plants many clues in the story to prepare us for the surprise ending. What clue to the identity of Charles can you find in the opening paragraph of the story? (/1)
8. What is the theme of this story? (/2)

**Vocabulary**

Choose which word best describes the meaning of each of the following words from the story.

1. insolently (p 119) (/1)
  - a) carefully
  - b) rudely
  - c) politely
  - d) quickly
2. passionately (p 121) (/1)
  - a) honestly
  - b) with anger
  - c) with great desire
  - d) without a doubt
3. incredulously (p 122) (/1)
  - a) in fear
  - b) in surprise
  - c) with sadness
  - d) with pleasure
4. haggard (p 123) (/1)
  - a) tired
  - b) mean
  - c) comfortable
  - d) sweet

LONG ANSWER: Please answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES on loose leaf and hand your paper in attached to this paper. Each question is worth 5 marks.

1. Write a good summary of the story. Remember to include the important characters, details, and events. (/5)
2. This is a rather old story, which was first published in 1948. Throughout the story, there are many clues that tell us that this story is set, and probably written, a long time ago. I found 9 or 10 good clues. You need to find AT LEAST 5, QUOTE them, and EXPLAIN why this is a clue. (/5)
3. Why did Laurie tell stories about “Charles” in the first place? It would seem to me that he might not want to talk about what happened, but he did, repeatedly, and with great joy. Why would he do that? (/5)
4. Describe a time when you or someone else wished that they could be someone else, and have someone else to blame for something that happened. Write a description that includes details about the setting, characters, and the events. (/5)