

Marguerite Poland
Shades
Chapter 23, 24 & 25

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1. It is clear that Frances does not love Victor, but rather that she loves her memory of Victor.
 - Explain carefully. (5)
2. Is Frances merely playing another game with Victor by her offensive attitude?
 - In answering this, you must explore the emotional pressures which surround her during Victor's stay in Grahamstown. (6)
3. The death of Charlie Fraser is Victor's first realisation of his own failure. Explain. (5)
4. To what would you ascribe Pusey's very changed character now that Walter has taken charge of Mbokothwe Mission? (4)
5. When Walter meets up with Klaus Otto, what is the purpose of his long discourse with him? (3)
6. Walter has written many letters to Frances but none have actually been posted.
 - Why does he now write yet another letter, and why does he decide to post this one. (5)
7. "Walter's letter to Frances is ostensibly a letter of farewell. In reality, however, it is a classical love letter."
 - Comment carefully and at length. (10)
8. "Was it a terrible sin?" Frances asked.
"It was a binding commitment," her mother replied.
 - Comment on the logic of Emily's argument in which she attempts to persuade Frances that marriage to Victor was the only moral solution. (5)
9. Why does Frances insist on not being married from St Matthias and that her parents were not wanted at the wedding? (5)
10. Explain Frances's reaction upon reading Walter's letter to her. (5)

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