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QUESTION BANK
BA Honours Semester VI
DSE3 Science Fiction and Detective Literature

*Questions provided below are intended as preparatory material.
Students are advised to practise answering in their own words as far as practicable.*

Each question carries **2 marks**

1. Mention *any one* characteristic of the 'sensation novel'.
2. Mention *any one* evidence of the popularity of *The Woman in White* during the time it was serialized.
3. Why, according to the first narrator of *The Woman in White*, was not the substance of the novel not debated in the lawcourts?
4. How does the narrator assure that the narrative of *The Woman in White* will proceed like a hearing at court?
5. Where does Hartright first encounter the woman in white?
6. What does Hartright note about the demeanour of the woman in white?
7. What request does the woman in white make to Hartright?
8. What is Hartright's reaction on hearing that the woman had escaped from an asylum? What does this tell us about the times the novel is set in?
9. How does Anne Catherick remember Mrs Fairlie?
10. Describe briefly the relationship between Marian and Laura.
11. Why does Hartright leave Limmeridge House?
12. In which magazine did the character of Sherlock Holmes first appear? Who is said to have been the real-life inspiration behind Holmes?
13. Mention any two pieces of information that Holmes gleans from Dr. Mortimer's walking stick?
14. Why did Dr. Mortimer suspect that Sir Charles Baskervilles death did not occur due to natural causes?
15. Briefly describe any one characteristic trait of Sherlock Holmes that distinguishes him from the average individual. Support your answer with references from the text.
16. How does Doyle's description of Grimpen Mire and Baskerville Hall create a Gothic
17. atmosphere in the novel?
18. In *The Hound of The Baskervilles*, how does Dr Mortimer infer that Sir Charles was waiting for someone on the night of his murder?
19. Why were mounted policemen searching the moor near Baskerville Hall?

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20. What does Miss Stapleton say when she meets Watson for the first time? What reason does she give for such behaviour?