2.19 Literature: Jane Eyre (Charlotte Bronte): Test Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

Extract: Jane Eyre, Chapter 23 (Jane's declaration of equality)

From Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte (1847, public domain). In this extract, Jane responds to Mr Rochester in the orchard at Thornfield, believing she must leave now that he is expected to marry Blanche Ingram.

"I tell you I must go!" I retorted, roused to something like passion. "Do you think I can stay to become nothing to you? Do you think I am an automaton?--a machine without feelings? and can bear to have my morsel of bread snatched from my lips, and my drop of living water dashed from my cup? Do you think, because I am poor, obscure, plain, and little, I am soulless and heartless? You think wrong!--I have as much soul as you--and full as much heart! And if God had gifted me with some beauty and much wealth, I should have made it as hard for you to leave me, as it is now for me to leave you. I am not talking to you now through the medium of custom, conventionalities, nor even of mortal flesh: it is my spirit that addresses your spirit; just as if both had passed through the grave, and we stood at God's feet, equal--as we are!"

1 Look again at the extract above. Identify two words or phrases Bronte uses to show Jane's sense of equality with Rochester.

(Total for Question 1 is 2 marks)

2 Identify two details from the extract that show Jane's emotional state as she speaks to Rochester, and briefly explain what each detail suggests about her feelings at that moment.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

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3 Answer the following short questions about the context of the novel.

(a) In which year was Jane Eyre first published? **(1)**

(b) Under what pseudonym was Charlotte Bronte originally credited as the author on the novel's title page? **(1)**

(c) What subtitle, describing its narrative form, appeared on the novel's original title page? **(1)**

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

gives one accurate word or phrase from the extract, e.g. 'as much soul as you' or 'full as much heart'	**B1**
gives a second, different accurate word or phrase, e.g. 'my spirit that addresses your spirit' or 'at God's feet, equal'	**B1**

Answer: Any two of: 'I have as much soul as you'; 'full as much heart'; 'my spirit that addresses your spirit'; 'we stood at God's feet, equal'.

Question 2

identifies a first relevant detail, e.g. 'roused to something like passion'	**B1**
explains what this detail suggests, e.g. shows Jane's usual self-control briefly giving way to strong, barely restrained emotion	**B1**
identifies a second, different relevant detail, e.g. 'You think wrong!--I have as much soul as you--and full as much heart!'	**B1**
explains what this detail suggests, e.g. the exclamatory outburst shows indignant, passionate self-assertion after being underestimated	**B1**

Answer: Accept any two textually supported details, each with a linked explanation, e.g. 'roused to something like passion' (loss of usual composure); 'You think wrong!...full as much heart!' (indignant self-assertion); 'my morsel of bread snatched from my lips' (a sense of being deprived of something vital).

Question 3

(a) 1847	**B1**

(a) Answer: 1847.

(b) Currer Bell	**B1**

(b) Answer: Currer Bell.

(c) An Autobiography	**B1**

(c) Answer: An Autobiography (the full original title page read 'Jane Eyre: An Autobiography, edited by Currer Bell').

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