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A NECKLACE FOR MIRANDA

The woman in the shop put it on and it looked really pretty and expensive. It's only small stones, she said, but all very fine water and look at these Victorian designs. I remembered Miranda talking one day about how she liked Victorian things, so that did it. There was trouble about the cheque, of course. The woman wouldn't take it at first, but I got her to ring my bank and she changed her tune very quickly. If I'd spoken in a la-di-da voice and said I was Lord Muck or something, I bet! Still, I've got no time for that.

It's funny how one idea leads to another. While I was buying the necklace I saw some rings and that gave me the plan I could ask her to marry me and if she said no then it would mean I had to keep her. It would be a way out. I knew she wouldn't say yes. So I bought the ring. It was quite nice, but not very expensive. Just for show.

When I got home I washed the necklace (I didn't like to think of it touching that other woman's skin) and hid it so that I could get it out at the correct time. Then I made all the preparations she said: there were flowers, and I put the bottles on the side table, and laid out everything really grand hotel, with all the usual precautions, of course. We arranged I was to go down and fetch her at seven. After I took in the parcels I wasn't to see her, it was like it is before a wedding.

What I decided was I would let her come up ungagged and untied just this once. I would take the risk but watch her like a knife and I would have the chloroform and CTC handy, just in case trouble blew up. Say someone knocked at the door, I could use the pad and have her bound up and gagged in the kitchen in a very short time, and then open up.

John FOWLES, The Collector.

1. ***What the woman in the shop tried on for her customer was***
   A) a Victorian design. **B)** a necklace.
   C) a ring. **D)** a scarf.
   E) an altered tune.

2. ***What gave the young man the idea that he could ask the girl to marry him?***
   A) Some rings he saw in the shop.
   B) Buying the necklace.
   C) The fact that one idea leads to another.
   D) His suspicion that she would not say "Yes".
   E) His realization that he was so much in love with her.

3. ***The name of the girl in the story is***
   A) Victoria.
   B) CTC.
   C) Miranda.
   D) Lady Muck.
   E) We aren't told her name.

4. ***What do you think the relationship is between these two young people in the story?***
   A) They are husband and wife, living in a country house.
   B) He is taking her out to a dance that evening.
   C) The man is really nuts. He is keeping her captive in a secret place.
   D) He is her doctor. She is a mental patient.
   E) They are lovers. They are hiding together.

5. ***The young man takes a number of precautions before he allows the young woman to come upstairs that evening. Which one of the following is not one of these?***
   A) The fact that he has bought her a necklace.
   B) He keeps chloroform and CTC handy.
   C) He has decided to be extra careful against possible unexpected developments.
   D) He is ready to tie her up and gag her if anybody should unexpectedly come along and knock at the door.
   E) He plans to watch her very closely all the time.