The Stranger - Part II

Chapter 1 - Part II

1. What has happened to Meursault?
2. Is he taking his circumstances seriously? Give an example.
3. What question does the attorney feel compelled to ask?
4. What explanation does Meursault give regarding his "nature"?
5. How many times did Meursault fire his revolver?
6. The magistrate becomes frustrated with Meursault. What does he retrieve from his filing cabinet?
7. What’s the BIG question the magistrate finally asks Meursault?
8. On p. 70, Meursault says, "I thought about it for a minute and said that more than sorry I felt kind of annoyed." Does Meursault have a conscience? Why or why not?
9. In your opinion, does Meursault feel complemented when referred to as Monsieur Antichrist?

Chapter 2 - Part II

1. Briefly describe Meursault’s prison cell. Is this what he had expected?
2. Who is Meursault’s first visitor?
3. Describe Marie’s mood during the visit.
4. In a sense, what item was more difficult for Meursault to lose than his freedom?
5. On p. 79, Meursault states that having "a memory" is "an advantage." Briefly explain.
6. The last sentences on p. 81 refer to Meursault’s mother’s funeral and to what nights in prison are like. In your opinion, is there a connection between the two?

Chapter 3 - Part II

1. What is Meursault’s first impression of the jury?
2. What clues is the reader given to show that the Algerian court system is different than the U.S. Judicial System?
3. Who are the eight witnesses that will testify at Meursault’s trial?
4. A previous incident occurred between the caretaker and Meursault, which is briefly discussed during the trial. This leads to Camus’ title of the novel. What is the incident?
5. When Celeste, the fourth witness, is called to testify, how does he show support for Meursault?
6. How does the prosecutor attempt to prove that Meursault has no conscience?
7. What is the prosecutor implying when he questions Raymond? (refers to "chance" numerous times.)
8. Explain what Meursault means when he says, "it was back to my cell...sleep of the innocent. (p.97)
Chapter 4 - Part II
1. Does Meursault feel like he has anything to say to defend himself?
2. In your opinion, does Meursault believe that his crime was premeditated?
3. On p. 100, Meursault reveals the key to his character/personality. What is this?
4. What penalty does the prosecutor ask of the jury?
5. Does Meursault have faith that his attorney will convince the jury of his innocence?
6. Imagism is used on p. 104. "left me with the impression.... Was making me dizzy." In your opinion, what is Meursault feeling at this point?
7. Why can’t Meursault return Marie’s smile in the courtroom?
8. What is Meursault’s sentence? In your opinion, is his reaction normal?

Chapter 5 - Part II
1. According to Meursault, why is witnessing an execution so important?
2. What is "the trouble with the guillotine"?
3. What is ironic about this when compared to how Meursault originally got into this predicament?
4. When Meursault’s situation finally "sinks in", what are the two things he always thinks about?
5. What is Meursault’s pessimistic view on life and living?
6. Is Meursault a religious person? How do you know?
7. Meursault shows no respect for religion or the priest. Give one example of this.
8. What does the priest mean when he says, "your heart is blind."
9. In the last few paragraphs, how does Meursault finally relate to Maman?
10. Why does Meursault wish that a large crowd of spectators greet him with cries of hate at his execution?

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