

Poor Folk by Fyodor Dostoevsky Quiz: 12 Trivia Questions and Answers

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- 15
- 23
- 54

2. Who was Makar Alekseevich Devushkin?

- A poor student
- A petty old official

The son of a wealthy industrialist

3. On the outskirts of which city does Makar Devushkin live in a cheap rented apartment?

- Petersburg
- Moscow
- Novgorod.

4. In which city does a young single girl Varvara Dobroselova live?

- Moscow
- Novgorod
- Petersburg

5. What does Makar Devushkin convince Varenka, sending her sweets and flowers in pots?

- That he bought them with his last money.
- That he stole them from the merchant in whose house he lives.
- That there's nothing wrong with his money.

6. What does Varenka send with her letter at the beginning of June?

- Her diary
- Her father's letters
- Her handkerchief

7. The name of the student who lived with Varenka's distant relative, the landowner Anna Fyodorovna, with whom the girl develops a friendship.

- Lansky
- Gorshkov
- Pokrovsky

8. In which month does Varenka learn that Devushkin has been spending his last money on her?

- In May
- In June
- In July

In August

9. With whom does Devushkin compare himself while reading Pushkin's *The Station Ranger*?

- He compares himself to Samson Vyrin, the station master.
- He associates himself with the officer Minsky, who took Dunya to St. Petersburg.

10. Who in August, drawing attention to Devushkin's deplorable appearance, gives him a hundred rubles?

- Varenka
- Gorshkov
- His boss

11. Why does Bykov, who is wooing Varenka, need an heir?

- He's lonely.
- He wants to disinherit his nephew.
- He wants someone to pass on his fortune to.

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