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Hester Prynne's Arrival and the Scarlet Letter: Chapters 1-4

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does the prison door symbolize in the novel?
 - A) Freedom and hope
 - B) Harsh judgment and punishment
 - C) A place of refuge
 - D) The entrance to a welcoming community

2. Why is Hester Prynne condemned and humiliated in the market-place?
 - A) For her refusal to marry
 - B) For her involvement in a theft
 - C) For the sin of adultery
 - D) For practicing witchcraft

3. How does Hester Prynne display strength during her public humiliation?
 - A) By confessing her sin
 - B) By crying and begging for mercy
 - C) By wearing the scarlet letter with dignity
 - D) By running away from the crowd

4. Who is Roger Chillingworth, and why does he come to the settlement?
 - A) He is Hester's former lover.
 - B) He is a sailor who arrived on a ship.
 - C) He is Hester's estranged husband seeking revenge.
 - D) He is a minister who preaches in the town.

5. What is the significance of the scarlet letter "A" that Hester wears on her chest?
 - A) It represents her love for her husband.
 - B) It symbolizes her purity and innocence.
 - C) It is a sign of her sin of adultery.
 - D) It marks her as a respected member of the community.

