**Sample Essay Questions on “The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time”.**

Use these sample questions to help practice planning and writing essays. Guidance:

* Annotate the question before you plan
* Plan an Introduction/4 PETEL paragraphs/A conclusion
* Address the question in your introduction – what is your view?
* Use PETEL (POINT/EVIDENCE/TECHNIQUE/EXPLANANTION/LINK TO CONTEXT) paragraphs to ensure you are meeting all assessment objectives

**If you do not want to write out full essays to all the questions, use them to help you revise by:**

* Making revision notes/cards/flashcards on the themes and characters
* Writing your own questions based on the examples
* Finding as many quotes as you can on theme or character and identifying language techniques in them
* Making a list of all the contextual comments you could make in a response (link to context within book or link to society’s views and expectations)
* Make a list of synonyms and words associated with the theme or character in each question

**You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on a question.**

**[30 marks]**

**AO4 [4 marks]**

1. How and why does Christopher change in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• how Christopher responds to his family and to the events in the play

• how Stephens presents Christopher by the ways he writes.

1. How does Stephens present Christopher’s father as a parent?

Write about:

• what Christopher’s father says and does and the difficulties he has to deal with

• how Stephens presents Christopher’s father.

1. How does Stephens present Christopher’s mother as a parent?

Write about:

• what Christopher’s mother says and does and the difficulties she has to deal with

• how Stephens presents Christopher’s mother.

1. How does Stephens present the ways Christopher deals with loss?

Write about:

• how Christopher deals with loss

• how Stephens presents Christopher’s attitudes and feelings.

1. Do you think Siobhan is an important character in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• how Stephens presents the character of Siobhan

• how Stephens uses Siobhan to present ideas about people and society.

1. How does Stephens explore truth and deception in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• the ideas about truth and deception in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

• how Stephens presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

1. How does Stephens present society’s treatment of Christopher in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• the ideas about how Christopher is treated by society

• how Stephens presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

1. How does Stephens explore self-discovery in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• the ideas about self-discovery in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

• how Stephens presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

1. How does Stephens explore rejection and loss in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• the ideas about rejection and loss in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

• how Stephens presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

1. How does Stephens explore the idea of family in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• the ideas about family in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

• how Stephens presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

1. How does Stephens explore the idea of love in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• the ideas about love in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

• how Stephens presents these ideas by the ways he writes.

1. How does Stephens explore the idea of achievement in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*?

Write about:

• the ideas about achievement in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

• how Stephens presents these ideas by the ways he writes.