SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - The Canterbury Tales

The Prologue
1. Who did the narrator meet at the Tabbard Inn?
2. Why was everyone at the Tabbard?
3. What were they going to Canterbury to see?
4. Describe the Knight.
5. Describe the Squire.
6. Describe the Yeoman.
7. Describe the Prioress
8. What other people were in the Nun's group?
9. Describe the Monk.
10. Describe the Friar.
11. Describe the Merchant.
12. Describe the Clerk.
13. Describe the Sergeant At Law.
14. Describe the Franklin.
15. What tradesmen were there?
16. Describe the Cook.
17. Describe the Shipman.
18. Describe the Doctor.
19. Describe the Wife of Bath.
20. Describe the Parson.
21. Describe the Miller.
22. Describe the Manciple.
23. Describe the Plowman.
24. Describe the Reeve.
25. Describe the Pardoner.
26. Describe the Summoner.
27. Describe the Host.
28. What game does the host propose to the pilgrims?

The Pardoner's Tale
1. Describe the "trick" which has been worth a hundred marks a year to the Pardoner.
2. What is the Pardoner's purpose? What is he supposed to do?
3. What is ironic about how the Pardoner gets people to repent from the sin of avarice?
4. What bargain or agreement did the rioters make at the tavern?
5. They met an old man as they began their journey. What was the old man's problem?
6. Where does the old man send the rioters?
7. What did they find where the old man sent them?
8. Why did they have to bring the treasure home at night?
9. Why was one youth sent to town?
10. What plan did the two other youths make to kill the one when he returned from town?
11. What plan did the one who went to town make to kill the two others when he got back?
12. Who died, and how did it happen?