How does Austen portray the demands of marriage placed on women at this time?

Compare and contrast the engagements throughout the novel? What do the characters value in marriage?

What are the main factors that contribute to a change in Elizabeth’s perceptions of Mr Darcy?

What do you interpret the overall message of Pride and Prejudice to be?

Wealth and Social standing are significant in the book, how does Austen portray the spectrum of these themes?

What does Austen show through Elizabeth’s confrontation with Lady Catherine?

Why do you think Mr Bennet is so disinterested in the marital concerns that are rife amongst the females of his household?

Mrs Bennet is described as a neurotic housewife, Elizabeth and Mr Bennet seem to find her tedious at times. Why do you think Mrs Bennet is so focused on marrying off her daughters, is it for their stability and wellbeing or is it for her own satisfaction and social reputation?

What does Mr Darcy’s relationship with his sister, Georgiana, reveal about his nature?

Do you think that the character of Mr Wickham acts as a warning to young women around that time?