**Questions on Simon Schama Programme about John Donne**

1. According to Schama, what makes John Donne stand out from other poets?
2. What group of poets does Donne belong to?
3. When and where was Donne born?
4. List some other details about his family.
5. According to John Carey, what emotion must have dominated Donne’s childhood?
6. How might he have felt at Oxford?
7. According to Schama, what was Donne like as a person?
8. What profession did Donne go into?
9. What was Donne’s motto?
10. Why did Donne initially write poetry?
11. What happened to Donne when he was 21?
12. What did Donne do as a result?
13. What further hindrance was there to Donne’s career around this time?
14. How did Donne support his family?
15. What did James 1st persuade Donne to do and why?

17. Summarise Schama’s final points about Donne.

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