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Dept. Of English

Sem-3

Assignment on James Joyce's "Araby"

Answer the following questions:

- 1. What description has Joyce left about North Richmond Street?**
- 2. What was the name of the school in which the boy hero was educated?**
- 3. Who was the former tenant of the house in which the boy lived? What do you know of him?**
- 4. What did the boys do during the short days of winter?**
- 5. Who was Mangan? Why did his sister come out in the evening? What did the boy do at that time?**
- 6. How did the author trace out the arousal of love in the boy's heart?**
- 7. 'Yet her name was like a summons to all my foolish blood.' Who is the speaker? What does this extract suggest?**
- 8. How has Joyce described the market scene of Dublin on Saturday nights?**
- 9. 'Her image accompanied me even in places the most hostile to romance'. - Who is the speaker? Whose image is referred to here? Which places were most hostile to romance?**
- 10. Who is O'Donovan Rossa? In which song is he referred to? What does the song signify?**
- 11. 'These noises converged in a single sensation of life for me - Who is the speaker? What were the noises referred to above? How did they converge in a single sensation of life? What does the single sensation of life meant?**

12. 'I imagined that I bore my chalice safely through a throng of foes.' - Who is the speaker? What does the word 'chalice' allude to and which does it imply? What does the extract suggest?

13. When did the girl's name spring to the boy's lip? What other emotional experience did he undergo?

14. "I thought little of the future. Who is the speaker? What kinds of future activity could be contemplated? Why did he think little of the future?"

15. 'But my body was like a harp.' - Who is the speaker? What is a harp? Why did the speaker compare his body to a harp?