

## 5559 Praxis Test

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### 1. Which of the following best describes the theme of the poem?

*Dorian Gray listened, open-eyed and wondering. The spray of lilac fell from his hand upon the gravel. A furry bee came and buzzed round it for a moment. Then it began to scramble all over the oval stellated globe of the tiny blossoms. He watched it with that strange interest in trivial things that we try to develop when things of high import make us afraid, or when we are stirred by some new emotion for which we cannot find expression, or when some thought that terrifies us lays sudden siege to the brain and calls on us to yield. After a time the bee flew away. He saw it creeping into the stained trumpet of a Tyrian convolvulus. The flower seemed to quiver, and then swayed gently to and fro.*

*-Oscar Wilde, from The Picture of Dorian Gray*

- (A) The power of unconditional affection
- (B) The value of acquiring riches
- (C) The appeal of eternal life
- (D) The importance of attaining happiness