Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

These are the kind of questions you may be asked on the English Literature paper.

Choose ONE to answer.

Plan your answer carefully. Use the subheadings to help you.

1. ‘Soledad’ means loneliness. Why is this relevant in ‘Of Mice and Men’?
   You should write about: Which characters are lonely and why
   How their loneliness is similar or different

2. “I never seen no piece of jail bait worse than her” (George)
   What is the reader supposed to think about Curley’s wife?
   You should write about: How she is described by the other characters
   How the author describes her
   How she behaves/speaks
   Her dreams
   Is she the cause of all the trouble?

3. Hopes and Dreams are important in ‘Of Mice and Men’ – discuss.
   You should write about: Which characters have dreams – how are they similar/different?
   Do they come true? Why/not?

4. Pick TWO characters you find interesting in the novel and write about them.
   Pick from this list:
   - George
   - Lennie
   - Curley’s wife
   - Crooks
   - Slim

   You should write about: How they act/speak
   How other characters describe them.
   How the author describes them
   Their attitudes/ideas
   How important are they in the story?

5. How does the author make Lennie a sympathetic character?
   You should write about: How he is described
   How the other characters describe him
   How he speaks
   How he acts
   Why do you (the reader) feel sorry for him?