

Name _____

Ilyich in Order Answer Key

Correct Sequence

1. Ivan marries Praskovya, partly for social expectations.
2. Ivan achieves a respectable legal career and enjoys climbing the social ladder.
3. Ivan begins experiencing pain in his side and notices a strange taste in his mouth.
4. Ivan receives his diagnosis from doctors, who give him little hope.
5. Ivan grows increasingly resentful of his family's indifference and fakes normality to avoid pity.
6. Ivan experiences unbearable suffering and cries out, "Why me?"
7. Ivan reflects on his life, questioning whether he lived it "as he ought."
8. With Gerasim's help, Ivan begins to accept honesty and compassion.
9. At the moment of death, Ivan realizes that compassion and love, and not social status, are what truly matter.
10. Ivan's friends and colleagues react to his death with concern mainly for their own promotions.

Reflection Question (Sample Response)

The turning point is when Ivan reflects on whether he lived rightly. This begins his path to acceptance.