

Answer the following questions in full and complete sentences. Provide direct support where necessary to explain your answer. Answer on lined paper.

### Chapter 4

1. Why did Gillespie ask Virgil to stay until evening?
2. Describe Gillespie's treatment of the prisoner, Harvey Oberst. What was his method of investigation?
3. Give details which Virgil uses to show that Oberst is innocent of the murder. Do you agree with his logic? Explain.
4. Show how the author has used both *irony* and *understatement* to heighten the impact of Virgil's reply, "They call me Mr. Tibbs."
5. How does George Endicott react upon first meeting Virgil Tibbs? Compare his reaction with that of Sam and Gillespie. Give the significance of this comparison.

### Chapter 5

1. Explain Gillespie's sudden hostility to Virgil at the opening of this chapter.
2. What characteristic of Virgil is emphasized by his reaction to Gillespie's outburst?
3. Who is Frank Schubert? Over what issue do he and Gillespie come into conflict? How does he finally convince Gillespie of the worth of using Virgil on the case?
4. Comment on the following quotes. Explain the meaning and their connection to the plot and themes within the novel:
  - a. To Gillespie's intense relief, he didn't smell. (p. 48)
  - b. "If Chief Morris asked me to," Tibbs replied promptly, "I'd go to England and look for Jack the Ripper." (p. 48)
  - c. "They had a murder here this morning. They don't know what to do about it, so they're using me for a fall guy." (p. 50)
  - d. "I can give you some good references," Tibbs answered. "They're in California. San Quentin." (p. 52)