Chapter V

Vocabulary

amalgamate – to join together into one; unite, combine
ascribed – assigned to a supposed cause; attributed
carnage – bloody and extensive slaughter
castigate – to punish or rebuke severely
dissembler – one who conceals under a false appearance
exactitude – the quality of being precise
gesticulating – making movements with the hand and arms
mawkish – sentimental in a sickening way
phalanstery – a socialist community
tirade – a long vehement speech
transgressed – overstepped

1. Briefly describe Porfiry. How does Porfiry imply that he believes Raskolnikov is involved in the murders?

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2. Explain the socialist view of crime. Why does Razumihin disagree with this viewpoint? What is Porfiry's outlook on the nature of crime?

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3. Porfiry discusses Raskolnikov's article about “the psychology of a criminal before and after the crime.” What is the thesis of Raskolnikov's essay?

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