Act IV Questions: *The Crucible*

Directions: Answer the questions below in your own words. Answers should be written in paragraph form, they must be hand-written and they must be written on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why is Herrick conversing with Tituba and Sarah Good in this scene? What is his demeanor? How are they acting? What does their interaction show about the state of things in Salem?
2. Why is Herrick drunk and why did Parris and Hale go to the prison?
3. Why would Danforth be happy to hear Rebecca Nurse confess? What does this show about Danforth?
4. Explain Parris’s attitude when he speaks to Danforth in Act IV. Why is he acting this way and what does this tell us about him?
5. Why does Parris suggest postponing the hangings?
6. Why does Danforth say he will “strive with them till dawn”? What does that suggest about Danforth’s belief in witches?
7. Explain Hale’s reaction to Danforth asking why he has returned. What does this show about Hale?
8. Summarize Hale’s speech on page 882 to Elizabeth that begins with “Let you now mistake…” What does this speech reveal about his mental state?
9. What does Proctor hope to get from Elizabeth? Why is she asked to speak with him in the first place? Why does she not tell him what he wants to hear?
10. Why does Proctor say “I have given you my soul; leave me my name!”?