Bamboozled!

True or false?  
(Explain your answer…)

Mr Wickham and Mr Collins

Mr Collins is attracted to Elizabeth first of all.

False! Mr Collins first thinks of marrying Jane, as she is the eldest daughter. Note that his feelings don't really come into it: he sees it as his duty.

Mr Collins wishes to marry Elizabeth because of her quick wit.

True! He is attracted to Elizabeth’s *liveliness* but he also worries that it could be a problem when they are married.

Mr Wickham is introduced to the Bennets by Mr Bingley.

False! Mr Wickham is introduced to the Bennets by Mr Denny, because he is also going to become a soldier in the militia.

Mr Wickham quickly becomes unpopular.

False! Mr Wickham is invited to tea at Aunt Philips on the second day of his acquaintance with the Bennets.

Mr Darcy is thrilled to see Mr Wickham.

False! Mr Darcy is not thrilled to see Mr Wickham. Elizabeth notices Mr Darcy’s cold treatment of Wickham, even in a very short meeting on the street.
Jane tells Elizabeth about Mr Darcy's terrible treatment of Mr Wickham.

**False!** Mr Wickham tells Elizabeth about Darcy's terrible treatment of him: he was not given a job (called a living) that he was entitled to, when Darcy's father died.

Elizabeth develops a liking for Mr Wickham.

**True!** Elizabeth becomes more interested in Mr Wickham than any man she (and we) have encountered in the novel up to that point.

Mr Collins is well-mannered and agreeable.

**False!** Mr Collins is vain, pompous and a bore. A good example of this is when we hear him go on and on and on about Lady Catherine de Bourgh's house. At this point, furnishings are his main topic of conversation.