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TEST 1
MR. AND MRS. SMITH

I. True or False?

1. Mr. and Mrs. Smith married 35 years ago.
2. They lived in the same place since then.
3. Mr. Smith worked from Monday to Saturday.
4. Most of their neighbours were unpleasant people.
5. A married couple moved to the house opposite theirs.
6. The young man was rude to his wife.
7. Mr. Smith promised his wife to follow the young man's example.

TEST 2
THANKFUL STRANGERS

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. What was Mr. Morton?
 - a) the manager of a big company
 - b) a manager of a big company
 - c) a clerk in a big company
 - d) a police officer
2. What happened to Mr. Morton's car?
 - a) it was broken
 - b) it was stripped
 - c) it was vandalized
 - d) it was stolen
3. What did Mr. Morton find in his car?
 - a) an invitation to a party
 - b) 2 parking tickets
 - c) 2 tickets and a warning note
 - d) 2 tickets and a note with explanations
4. Why did the Mortons enjoy the performance?
 - a) the tickets were cheap
 - b) the play was popular
 - c) the performance was excellent
 - d) they could show themselves off
5. Why was the evening spoilt?

- a) they got in an accident
- b) they had been robbed
- c) the car had been stolen
- d) they had lost the keys

TEST 3

PATRIDGE'S ALMANAC

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. What did Patridge predict in his almanacs?
 - a. Such conditions as wind, rain and temperature.
 - b. Major changes of the climate.
 - c. General weather conditions in Great Britain.
2. Why did Patridge go to the country one day?
 - a. He wanted to collect information for his new almanac.
 - b. He was going to see someone.
 - c. He wanted to have a rest at a small hotel.
3. Why did Patridge return to the country hotel shortly after he had left it?
 - a. He had left a copy of his almanac in the hotel room.
 - b. The weather had changed.
 - c. Patridge wanted to talk to the receptionist.

II. True or False?

1. Patridge's almanacs made Patridge a well-known man.
2. The receptionist expected that the weather would change for the worse.
3. It was raining when Patridge left the country hotel.
4. The receptionist used Patridge's almanac to predict the weather.

TEST 4

A CIGAR

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. How did Mr. Dickson feel?
 - a) very nervous
 - b) very unhappy
 - c) very bad

2. Who recommended him doctor Hill?
 - a) Mr. Dickson's brother
 - b) Mr. Dickson's cousin
 - c) Mr. Dickson's friend
3. Where did the doctor advise him to go to have a rest?
 - a) to go abroad
 - b) to go to the seaside
 - c) to go to a village
4. What did the doctor advise him to eat?
 - a) a lot of fruit and meat
 - b) a lot of vegetables and meat
 - c) a lot of fruit and fish
5. What did the doctor recommend Mr. Dickson to drink?
 - a) mineral water
 - b) juice
 - c) milk
6. How many cigars did the doctor recommend Mr. Dickson to smoke?
 - a) a cigar a day
 - b) a cigar in the morning and a cigar in the evening
 - c) none
7. Why did Mr. Dickson like all the recommendations of the doctor except smoking?
 - a) he wanted to smoke more
 - b) he preferred cigarettes to cigars
 - c) he had never smoked before

TEST 5
A GOOD LESSON

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. Once a rich lady phoned the manager of
 - a) the London Ballet Studio
 - b) the New York Opera House
 - c) The Washington Drama House
 - d) The London Opera House
2. The invitation to sing at the party was passed to
 - a) a very good singer
 - b) a mediocre singer
 - c) the best singer

- d) the manager
- 3. Mr. Roy did not feel like going to the party because
 - a) he was too proud to accept the invitation
 - b) he was in low spirits
 - c) he didn't feel well
 - d) he had other plans
- 4. Receiving the news about supper arrangements Mr. Roy
 - a) protested against them
 - b) accepted them without a word
 - c) was pleased to hear it
 - d) left the lady's party
- 5. After supper Mr. Roy
 - a) danced with the guests
 - b) sang with the servants
 - c) sang for the servants
 - d) discussed the vocal abilities of his colleagues
- 6. The lady was unpleasantly surprised when Mr. Roy
 - a) refused to sing for the guests because he was hungry
 - b) informed her he had given the performance
 - c) left the house without a word
 - d) said he never sang for the rich

TEST 6

A RAINY DAY

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

- 1. When did Mr. Smith leave his umbrellas at the umbrella-maker's?
 - a. After work.
 - b. Before work.
 - c. At lunchtime
- 2. Why did the young lady stop Mr. Smith when he was about to leave the restaurant?
 - a. He had left his umbrella.
 - b. He had taken her umbrella.
 - c. He hadn't paid for his lunch.
- 3. What made the young lady believe that Mr. Smith had had a good day when she saw him on the tram?
 - a. The weather had changed for the better.
 - b. She thought he had bought several beautiful umbrellas.

- c. She thought he had stolen several umbrellas.

II. True or False?

1. Mr. Smith was going to collect the umbrellas the same day.
2. The restaurant was a long way from Mr. Smith's office.
3. In the restaurant Mr. Smith joined a young lady who was sitting alone at the table.

TEST 7
SEEING THE FRIEND OFF

I. True or False?

1. Why were the three men sitting in a railway station bar?
 - a. They were travellers and were waiting for a train there.
 - b. The porter had asked them to wait for him there.
 - c. One of the men was going to take a train.
2. Why did the men miss the train?
 - a. The porter had given them the wrong platform number.
 - b. They had decided to have another drink in the bar.
 - c. They had decided to take another train in an hour.
3. How many trains had the men missed by the time the last train arrived?
 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 4

II. True or False?

1. It was the barman who informed the friends of the arrival of the last train.
2. The train was already moving when the men managed to catch it.
3. The third man explained to the barman why he did not know his friends' plan.

TEST 8
A BUSINESS TRANSACTION

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. Why did Mr. Wallis buy the cat from the man?
 - a. Mr. Wallis liked white cats.
 - b. The cat was not expensive.
 - c. Otherwise the man threatened to kill Mr. Wallis.
2. How did Mr. Wallis come to meet the man several years later?
 - a. He knew where the man worked.
 - b. He met him by chance.
 - c. The man had written his address.
3. Why did the man buy the cat from Mr. Wallis?
 - a. The man was afraid of something.
 - b. They needed a cat in the shop.
 - c. He had promised to buy it back.
6. What was the interest on the money that Mr. Wallis had paid for the cat?
 - a. £200.
 - b. £500.
 - c. £700.

II. True or False?

1. Mr. Wallis met the man in a deserted street.
2. Mr. Wallis paid cash for the cat.
3. Mr. Wallis sold the same cat to the man.

TEST 9
THE DIAMONDS

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. The millionaire wanted to buy a diamond for
 - a) his wife's birthday.
 - b) his wedding day.
 - c) his girlfriend's birthday.
2. The man paid for the diamond
 - a) 20,000 pounds.
 - b) 20,000 dollars.
 - c) 3,000 pounds.

3. The millionaire wanted another diamond because he wanted to make
 - a) ear-rings.
 - b) wedding rings.
 - c) a brooch.
4. The jeweller
 - a) asked his friends to help him.
 - b) advertised in a newspaper.
 - c) read advertisements in a newspaper.
5. Who brought a suitable diamond to the jewellery shop?
 - a) The millionaire's wife.
 - b) The millionaire's girlfriend.
 - c) A girl.
6. The jeweller did not find the millionaire because
 - a) the latter was a swindler.
 - b) the millionaire had given up hope and left.
 - c) the jeweller had lost the millionaire's address.

TEST 10
THE START OF THE CAREER

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. Who did the narrator tell his story?
 - a) his colleagues
 - b) critics
 - c) friends
 - d) relatives and friends
2. How old was the narrator when his first book was written?
 - a) 35 years old
 - b) 20 years old
 - c) 22 years old
 - d) 32 years old
3. What was the fate of the first edition of his book?
 - a) it sold out well
 - b) it sold out and had good press
 - c) it sold out but got no comment in the press
 - d) it did not sell out
4. What did the narrator come to his editor to discuss?
 - a) the drawbacks of his novel

- b) the project of the next novel
 - c) the second edition of the novel
 - d) the budget of the novel
5. How did his literary career develop?
- a) he became popular
 - b) he wrote many books and became famous
 - c) he quitted writing
 - d) he became a critic
6. Why had his grandfather bought out the first edition of his book?
- a) he enjoyed his grandson's writing
 - b) he wanted to hide his work from public
 - c) he wanted to help him in a difficult situation
 - d) he wanted to encourage the young man

TEST 11

A VISIT TO A BOOKSHOP

I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.

1. Why did the author go to a bookshop one day?
- a) He probably wanted to buy a book.
 - b) He probably hoped to find *Golden Dreams* in the shop.
 - c) He probably wanted to talk to Mr Sellyer who worked as a salesman in that bookshop.
2. Why did the well-dressed woman buy *Golden Dreams*?
- a) She believed it was the most humorous book of the season.
 - b) She believed it was a love story.
 - c) She thought it was a book for serious reading.
3. Why did Mr Sellyer speak differently of *Golden Dreams* as he sold the book to different customers?
- a) Mr Sellyer and his wife had different opinions of the book.
 - b) Mr Sellyer had never read *Golden Dreams*.
 - c) The book was humorous and serious at the same time.

II. True or False?

1. The author watched Mr Sellyer at work as he was looking through the books in the shop.
2. Mr Sellyer's recommendations to his customers convinced the author that *Golden Dreams* was worth reading.

3. Mr Sellyer was not married.

TEST 12
FERENC LISZT

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. How big was the girl's family?
 - a) She had parents and a younger brother.
 - b) She had a mother and a younger brother.
 - c) She had an elder sister and a younger brother.
2. Why did the girl tell people that Ferenc Liszt was her teacher?
 - a) She hoped to attract Ferenc Liszt's attention.
 - b) Ferenc Liszt had taught her music several years before.
 - c) She hoped that more people would come to her concerts.
3. Why did the girl go to see Ferenc Liszt as soon as he came to the town?
 - a) She wanted to greet her teacher.
 - b) She wanted to ask Ferenc Liszt to teach her to play the piano.
 - c) She wanted to explain something to him.

II. True or False?

1. The girl's family had no money to pay for the doctor's visit.
2. The girl was afraid that Ferenc Liszt would feel ashamed to hear her playing the piano and he would tell everybody that they had never met.
3. Ferenc Liszt found a way out of the difficult situation.

TEST 13
THE LIGHTER

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. What did the narrator lose on his last visit to the National Gallery?
 - a) an umbrella
 - b) a picture
 - c) a lighter
 - d) his memory
2. Why was the lost object dear to him?
 - a) because it was very expensive
 - b) because it was exceptional in its way

- c) because it was a valuable souvenir
 - d) because it was a present from a relative
3. When did he last see it?
 - a) when he had been asked to demonstrate it
 - b) when he had been lighting an old man's cigar
 - c) when he had given it to a stranger on the train
 - d) when it had been returned by an old man
 4. Whom did the narrator decide to turn to first?
 - a) to transport administration
 - b) to the police headquarters
 - c) to the bus depot
 - d) to the bus station
 5. A list of what things did the police clerk read to the narrator
 - a) things lost
 - b) things found
 - c) things confiscated
 - d) things missing
 6. Why did the police manage to find his property
 - a) it was of a specific shape and colour
 - b) it had his full name on it
 - c) it had a tag with his name
 - d) there were his initial inscribed on its side
 7. What did the narrator discover when he got out of the taxi?
 - a) he had 2 lighters in his pocket
 - b) he had a wrong umbrella
 - c) he had left his umbrella behind
 - d) he had forgotten his purse at the police station

TEST 14
SEA STORY

- I. Choose the most accurate answer.*
1. When did the story happen?
 - a) when Mr. Brown was 15 years younger
 - b) when he was 15 years old
 - c) when he was 15 year older
 - d) in 1915
 2. What happened to the captain one night?
 - a) he experienced a nervous breakdown

- b) he heard strange voices
 - c) he heard the voice demanding he change the course
 - d) he heard voices and noises
3. What did Mr. Brown think?
- a) they must follow the given instructions
 - b) the captain had been unwell
 - c) the captain's full stomach had played a trick on him
 - d) it was natural to hear strange sounds at night
4. What did the crew discover on the second day?
- a) an island
 - b) an object
 - c) a small ship
 - d) a small boat
5. What was the man doing when he was found?
- a) crying with joy
 - b) praying
 - c) sleeping
 - d) dreaming
6. What did he feel when he found himself on board the ship?
- a) he was happy
 - b) he was astonished
 - c) he was irritated
 - d) he was enraged
7. What did he explain to the crew?
- a) he was a victim of a shipwreck
 - b) it was his hobby to sail the Atlantic
 - c) it was his first experience in crossing the Atlantic
 - d) he had tried to set a new record in the Atlantic

TEST 15
A THIEF

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. Where did an English couple arrive?
- a) in Spain
 - b) in Italy
 - c) in Scotland
2. What was the room the porter showed them like?
- a) it was spacious

- b) it was comfortable
 - c) it was noisy
3. Why did the Englishman go sightseeing alone?
- a) because his wife was unwell
 - b) because his wife was busy
 - c) because his wife was tired
4. When did he return home?
- a) in the afternoon
 - b) in the evening
 - c) late at night
5. Why couldn't he find his way?
- a) because he had lost his address
 - b) because it was dark
 - c) because he had forgotten his address
6. What did he ask the passer-by?
- a) to show him the way to the hotel
 - b) to tell him the time
 - c) to give him a cigarette
7. Why did he follow the passer-by?
- a) he wanted to rob the man
 - b) he wanted the passer-by to help him
 - c) he wanted to get his watch back
8. Why did the passer-by give the Englishman his own watch?
- a) he took him for a beggar
 - b) he took him for a thief
 - c) he took him for a mad man
9. Whose watch did the Englishman's wife show her husband?
- a) the Englishman's watch
 - b) her own watch
 - c) the passer-by's watch
10. Who turned out to be a thief?
- a) the passer-by
 - b) the Englishman
 - c) the Englishman's wife

**TEST 16
IN SPAIN***I. Choose the most accurate answer.*

1. Where did an American artist decide to go?
 - a) to Spain
 - b) to France
 - c) to Italy
2. Why did he go there?
 - a) to spend his holiday
 - b) to display his pictures
 - c) to visit his friend
3. How did he know the language of the country?
 - a) very well
 - b) a little
 - c) didn't know at all
4. Where did he live?
 - a) at a hotel
 - b) at his relatives'
 - c) at his friend's
5. Whom did he meet there?
 - a) an American
 - b) a Frenchman
 - c) an Englishman
6. Where did they decide to have a meal?
 - a) at a restaurant
 - b) in a café
 - c) in a refectory
7. Why didn't they order a substantial meal?
 - a) they were not hungry
 - b) there was nothing on the menu to their taste
 - c) their knowledge of the language was very poor
8. What did they order?
 - a) a tea with lemon
 - b) coffee and sandwiches
 - c) cornflakes with milk
9. Why did the artist draw a cow and show it to the waiter? They wanted the waiter to bring them
 - a) beefsteak
 - b) milk

- c) tickets for a bull-fight
10. Did the waiter bring them what they wanted?
- a) yes, he did
- b) no, he didn't

TEST 17

SOME MORE, PLEASE

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. What was the purpose of the Frenchman's visit to Germany?
 - a) The managers of his firm hoped to exhibit their latest models in Germany.
 - b) The managers of his firm hoped he would enjoy his stay in Germany.
 - c) The managers of his firm hoped to find business partners in Germany.
2. Why did the Frenchman go to a restaurant as soon as he arrived in Hamburg?
 - a) He liked German cuisine.
 - b) He had not had anything to eat on the train.
 - c) The other passenger in his compartment had given him the address of a satisfactory restaurant.
3. Why did the Frenchman order beef-steak?
 - a) It was his favourite dish.
 - b) He was in a hurry and had to make his choice very quickly.
 - c) He did not know any other words on the menu.
4. Why did the waiter bring another beef-steak to the Frenchman?
 - a) The Frenchman had asked for it.
 - b) The Frenchman had pronounced the word 'chicken' incorrectly.
 - c) The waiter wanted to please the Frenchman.

II. True or False?

1. It was the Frenchman's first visit to Germany.
2. The Frenchman travelled to Germany in the daytime.
3. It took the Frenchman a long time to find a good restaurant in Hamburg.
4. The Frenchman liked the beef-steak.
5. Another visitor recommended the Frenchman to order chicken.

TEST 18
SALLY'S PRESENT

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. What kind of present did Sally want to buy for her mother?
 - a) It had to be inexpensive and pleasant.
 - b) It had to be nice and expensive.
 - c) She did not want anything useful or cheap.
2. Where did Sally usually have her lunch?
 - a) On the train.
 - b) In the college.
 - c) In a shop.
3. Why did Sally choose a black umbrella?
 - a) Black was Sally's favourite colour.
 - b) Sally's mother had lost her black umbrella the previous month.
 - c) It would match any clothes.
4. Where did Sally leave the umbrella?
 - a) In the buffet car
 - b) Somewhere in her compartment.
 - c) With the passengers in another compartment.
5. Why did Sally's mother receive three umbrellas?
 - a) Each of the passengers had probably bought one for Sally's mother.
 - b) The conductor had probably sent three lost umbrellas to Sally's mother.
 - c) Sally's relatives had probably chosen the same present for Sally's mother.

II. True or False?

1. Sally was a fourth-year student.
2. Every day Sally spent two hours travelling by train.
3. There were three passengers in Sally's compartment when she started her journey home.
4. Sally started crying when she failed to find the umbrella.
5. Sally's mother telephoned Sally to thank her for the presents.

TEST 19
FISH AND CHIPS

I. Answer these questions. Choose a, b or c.

1. Why did the young actors decide to have a meal at a restaurant?
 - a. It was the only place where they could have a meal at that time.
 - b. They had never been to a restaurant before.
 - c. They had a special occasion to celebrate.
2. Why didn't they go to the restaurant at once?
 - a. They were too excited.
 - b. They didn't feel hungry at the moment.
 - c. They had to see someone in the park.
3. Why did the old man on the other bench attract their attention?
 - a. He asked them for some money.
 - b. Something happened to him.
 - c. He looked like an actor.
4. What did the old man do for a living?
 - a. He lived on his old-age pension.
 - b. His children and friends gave him some money.
 - c. He worked at a shop.
5. Why did the young actors give him some money?
 - a. They were afraid that the man wouldn't otherwise leave them alone.
 - b. They were sure that the old man would pay the money back soon.
 - c. They couldn't let him go hungry.
6. What made the young men wonder if the old man's story was true?
 - a. The way the man walked away.
 - b. The way the man thanked them.
 - c. The way the man smiled when he saw the money.
7. What did the young actors think of the old man afterwards?
 - a. They wished they hadn't given him money.
 - b. They wished they had given him more money.
 - c. They didn't regret that they had given him the money.
8. Why didn't the young men go to the restaurant?
 - a. That wasn't their idea of a good meal any longer.
 - b. They couldn't afford it.
 - c. They were short of time.

II. Are the statements below true or false?

1. The young actors were given parts in a play.

2. The old man said that someone had stolen his money.
3. The actors gave the man two pounds.
4. The old man was probably a good actor.

TEST 20
WHILE THE AUTO WAITS

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. How often did the girl come to the park?
 - a) Every day.
 - b) From time to time.
 - c) Very seldom.
1. Why did the girl come to the park?
 - a) She said she liked the park.
 - b) She said she wanted to be alone.
 - c) She said she wanted to be among common people.
2. What did the man say about his job?
 - a) He said he worked at a restaurant.
 - b) He said he worked as a driver.
 - c) He said he was unemployed.
3. What did the girl ask the man to do when she was about to leave?
 - a) She wanted him to accompany her to the park entrance.
 - b) She asked him to remain on the bench.
 - c) She asked him to find the white car for her.
4. Whom was the white automobile waiting for?
 - a) The man.
 - b) The girl.
 - c) Neither of them.

II. True or False?

1. The young man was wearing ordinary clothes.
2. The girl complained that she was not enjoying her life.
3. The girl said she could fall in love with a millionaire.
4. The girl invited the man to a concert.
5. After leaving the park, the young man went to see his friend Henri.

TEST 21
LETTERS IN THE MAIL

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. Ray received
 - a) plenty of letters
 - b) a few letters
 - c) very few letters
 - d) no letters
2. As soon as the letter was received, someone was going to
 - a) snatch and tear it
 - b) snatch and run away
 - c) snatch it and make it public
 - d) draw people's attention to the letter
3. Grace hadn't accepted Ray's proposal because
 - a) she had disliked him
 - b) she had wanted to make a career
 - c) she had been in love with another man
 - d) she had been too young to think about marriage
4. Seeing a letter in his box Ray
 - a) was slightly surprised
 - b) was amazed
 - c) remained indifferent
 - d) was shocked
5. Having read the letter Ray Buffin
 - a) went out of the post-office deep in thought
 - b) ran out of the post-office in a fit of rage
 - c) rushed out of the post-office immensely happy
 - d) felt so happy he could hardly move
6. When Guy and Ralph ran into Grace's room, they saw that
 - a) Ray and Grace were dancing
 - b) they were quarrelling
 - c) they were laughing
 - d) they were looking at each other in silence

II. True or False?

1. Ray Buffin didn't like to receive letters.
2. Guy Hodge and Ralph Barnhill decided to make fun of Grace Brooks.
3. Grace had been acquainted with Ray since she graduated from school.
4. Grace carried out her promise.

5. The joke turned out to be a misfortune.

TEST 22

A DOG

I. *Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. What conviction does the storyteller possess?
 - a) One must work much to earn enough money.
 - b) One must never ask for money.
 - c) One must not take the money that one has not earned.
2. Why did the storyteller start playing with the dog in the hall of the hotel?
 - a) He liked dogs very much.
 - b) He had nothing special to do.
 - c) Someone had asked him to play with it.
3. How did the storyteller recognize General Miles when the General entered the hotel?
 - a) He had seen his photos.
 - b) The General had announced himself at the reception desk.
 - c) There was a badge on the General's uniform.
4. How much money did the storyteller have in his possession after he had helped the old man?
 - a) No money at all
 - b) \$3
 - c) \$6

II. *True or False?*

1. General Miles recognized the storyteller as soon as he saw him in the house of the storyteller's friend.
2. The storyteller asked the General to pay \$3 for the dog.
3. The storyteller told the old man that he knew who had taken the dog.
4. The General was happy to get rid of the dog

TEST 23
MUSICAL CHEERS

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. Where did the author and Cheers first meet?
 - a) at the Concert Hall
 - b) in a bar
 - c) in the street
2. What was the most remarkable thing about Cheers?
 - a) his moustache
 - b) his voice
 - c) his grey hair
3. What did the author think about Cheers' profession?
 - a) he was a musician
 - b) he had some business in music
 - c) he was a composer
4. Why did Cheers attend the concert of the greatest musicians?
 - a) he was their admirer
 - b) he did it just for entertainment
 - c) it was necessary for his job
5. What role did Cheers play in every performance?
 - b) he conducted the orchestra
 - c) he recorded the concert
 - d) he played in the orchestra
6. How did the author learn about Cheers' real role in the performance?
 - a) he saw it with his own eyes
 - b) he learned about it from the advertisement
 - c) he read it in the poster

II. True or false?

1. The stranger was dressed in an unusual style.
2. The author was greatly interested in the stranger and he offered him a drink.
3. Cheers knew a lot about famous musicians.
4. They were both interested in music and always went to the concert together.
5. Both the author and Cheers liked to boast about their musical contacts.
6. Music played a great role in Cheers' life.

TEST 24
THE GIRL IN GREEN

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. The author of the story tried to find out some information about M.Beaumont because he was
 - a) a detective
 - b) a business partner
 - c) a gossip
 - d) a reporter
2. The subject of his interest had been
 - a) a successful broker
 - b) an unlucky man
 - c) an unhappy person
 - d) a mental case
3. M.Beaumont went to Fordham every year because
 - a) he studied the local lore
 - b) he wanted to relax in a familiar environment
 - c) he got a special guest invitation
 - d) his business was there
4. According to him during the Midsummer fete of 1966
 - a) he had witnessed a strange incident
 - b) he had got drunk and fallen asleep
 - c) he encountered a beautiful creature
 - d) he had made it up with his wife
5. At midnight after the bonfire was lit
 - a) people around began jumping over it
 - b) people saw a girl going into the flames
 - c) Michael saw the girl walk into the fire
 - d) Michael watched the strange creature burn
6. In the years to follow M.Beaumont
 - a) visited the Midsummer fete regularly
 - b) visited Fordham from time to time
 - c) never participated in the holiday again
 - d) was elected Midsummer King
7. M.Beaumont thought that
 - a) He deserved his newly found love
 - b) he should be more persistent to win her
 - c) he wasn't a good match for his new acquaintance
 - d) he should stop coming to Fordham
8. At the fete Jim saw his friend

- a) speaking to a stranger
 - b) watching people around the fire
 - c) talking to himself
 - d) walking around in search of smb
9. When the bonfire was lit M.Beaumont
- a) suggested his friend leave immediately
 - b) told Jim he was leaving
 - c) declared he was prepared to follow the girl
 - d) asked Jim to accompany him
10. The author did not write the story because
- a) his editor would refuse to publish it
 - b) it was not worth publishing
 - c) it was too weird
 - d) another article could be much more interesting

TEST 25
THE STORY-TELLER

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. How many people were there in the compartment?
- a) 3
 - b) 4
 - c) 5
2. Why did the man decide to tell his story to the children?
- a) He probably wanted the children to attack their aunt asking for another improper story.
 - b) He probably loved telling stories to children.
 - c) He probably wanted the children to be quiet.
3. How did the man make the children listen to his story with interest?
- a) He used an unusual word.
 - b) He had an argument with their aunt.
 - c) He said that the children were more beautiful than Bertha.
4. Why was Bertha allowed to come into the Prince's park?
- a) She was not afraid to walk in the park.
 - b) She was very good.
 - c) She was horrible.
5. Why did the wolf eat Bertha?
- a) It was hungry.
 - b) It didn't like good girls.

c) It heard Bertha's medals clinking and that made the wolf very angry.

II. True or False?

1. Bertha was the only child in the town who had medals for goodness.
2. Bertha never removed the medals from her dress.
3. When Bertha saw the wolf, she started to regret that she was good.
4. The wolf ate Bertha together with her medals.
5. The aunt loved the man's story.

TEST 26
A FREE LUNCH

I. Answer these questions. Choose a, b or c.

1. What was strange about addressing the delegation as 'gentlemen'?
 - a. The group consisted of men and women.
 - b. There were women only.
 - c. The group came from a socialist country.
2. When had Cardoso learnt English?
 - a. When at college.
 - b. When he lived in Portugal.
 - c. A long time before.
3. Why did Cardoso continue to wear a watch that didn't go?
 - a. He wore it as an ornament.
 - b. He didn't know it had broken down.
 - c. He wore it as an amulet.
4. What did Cardoso look like?
 - a. He was neither tall nor short and had plain features.
 - b. He was tall and well-built.
 - c. He was short and looked good-natured.
5. What was Cardoso's job?
 - a. He was a driver.
 - b. He worked as a guide.
 - c. He was a government official.

II. Are the statements below true or false?

1. Cardoso was concerned that his English was poor.
2. The delegates thought that Cardoso might be mad.

3. Cardoso was an Angolan citizen.
4. The members of the North Korean delegation knew English very well.
5. The North Korean delegation came for the Health Congress.
6. Cardoso enjoyed the lunch with the delegation.
7. The leader of the delegation and Cardoso enjoyed each other's company.

TEST 27
FAMILY FORTUNE

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. What did Bentley Harcourt do for a living?
 - a) He was a farmer.
 - b) He was a traveller.
 - c) He was a journalist.
2. Why did Bentley Harcourt decide to wait before getting married?
 - a) He couldn't find a good wife.
 - b) He decided to emigrate and marry an American woman.
 - c) He wanted to earn enough money before that.
3. Where did Bentley Harcourt find out about the American West?
 - a) From a newspaper.
 - b) From a magazine.
 - c) His friend told him about that.
4. What did Bentley Harcourt like about Texas?
 - a) There were very few people in Texas.
 - b) The land was very good.
 - c) The people were very nice.
5. How did Bentley Harcourt become rich after his own death?
 - a) He inherited an oil company.
 - b) A company found oil in his land.
 - c) His business became very successful.
6. How did David Kingsley learn about Harcourt's fortune?
 - a) From an article.
 - b) A Texas bank sent him a letter.
 - c) From his wife.
7. Why didn't David Kingsley get the money?
 - a) Too many people claimed to be Bentley Harcourt's descendants.
 - b) David Kingsley was rich enough himself.

- c) David Kingsley and Bentley Harcourt were not relatives.
8. What was the treasure that David Kingsley found?
- Relatives.
 - \$2.3 billion.
 - He married a Swedish girl.

TEST 28

ART FOR HEART'S SAKE

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

- Why did Doctor Caswell suggest that Mr. Ellsworth should take up art?
 - He wanted to keep Mr. Ellsworth from doing business.
 - He was sure that Mr. Ellsworth would make a good artist.
 - He wanted to find a pupil for someone who needed money.
- How many times a week did Mr. Ellsworth and Frank Swain arrange to meet after the second lesson?
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
- Whose idea was it to display '*Trees Dressed in White*' at the Lathrop Gallery?
 - Mr. Ellsworth's
 - Doctor Caswell's
 - Koppel's
- Why did Frank Swain feel ashamed when he saw '*Trees Dressed in White*' at the Lathrop Gallery?
 - He felt he was a failure as a teacher.
 - He felt that the picture was too bad for the Show.
 - He was afraid that people might learn that he had been teaching the author of the picture.
- Why did Mr. Ellsworth's picture win the Lathrop prize?
 - Mr. Ellsworth had given USD 10,000 to the Lathrop Gallery.
 - The Lathrop Gallery belonged to Mr. Ellsworth.
 - Mr. Ellsworth had bought another picture for the exhibition.

II. Are the statements below true or false?

- Mr. Ellsworth was in poor health.
- Frank Swain was an art student.

3. Koppel believed that Mr. Ellsworth spent too much time painting his pictures.
4. As the lessons continued, Mr. Ellsworth became more irritable than ever.
5. Mr. Ellsworth was astonished to learn that he had been awarded the First Landscape Prize.

TEST 29
THE WRONG HOUSE

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

1. Hasty and Blackie were
 - a) the owners of the house
 - b) burglars
 - c) guests of the owner
 - d) thieves
2. The men had been unfortunate to
 - a) get into a trap
 - b) bump into a policeman
 - c) lose in the race
 - d) lose the car
3. In the morning they
 - a) got rid of the suitcase
 - b) took the suitcase to the bank
 - c) hid the suitcase in the cellar
 - d) buried the suitcase in the yard
4. Hogan's special brainwork resulted in
 - a) stealing the suitcase from the house
 - b) phoning the police station
 - c) giving the true story to the owner of the house
 - d) phoning Mr. Rogers on behalf of the Chief of Police
5. On hearing the story Mr. Rogers seemed
 - a) frightened
 - b) nervous and angry
 - c) surprised and indignant
 - d) amused and pleased
6. Hogan and Burns were
 - a) rewarded for bravery
 - b) taken to prison
 - c) handcuffed

d) sent out of the country

II. True or False?

1. The men opened the door of the house with one of the keys.
2. The men were lucky to find the house empty.
3. Blackie and Husty had taken part in a car race an hour before.
4. Their suitcase was full of coins.
5. The men decided to stay in the house till morning.
6. In the morning they went for a walk downtown.
7. When they approached the house they saw that the family had returned.
8. Hogan introduced himself to Mr. Rogers as a private detective.
9. They found the suitcase untouched on the doorsteps.
10. Hasty and Blackie were met by 3 of Mr. Rogers' friends.

TEST 30
BIG BUSINESS

I. Answer these questions. Choose a, b or c.

1. How much money was there in Danny's pocket?
 - a) Fifty dollars and eighteen cents.
 - b) Eight dollars and fifty cents.
 - c) No money at all.
2. Why did Danny go to the Post Office?
 - a) The weather had changed for the worse.
 - b) He liked reading letters that people left on the desks.
 - c) He hoped to mend his shoes there.
3. What did Danny understand from the letter?
 - a) He could buy a very expensive suit for little money.
 - b) He could buy a suit with much money in it.
 - c) Mr Bulbridge was ready to pay \$1,000 for the suit.
4. Why did Danny ask for a tweed suit at first?
 - a) He was probably too excited and did not remember what he had read in the letter.
 - b) He probably wanted to please the attendant who recommended him to try on something in tweed.

- c) He was probably afraid that the attendant might suspect something.
5. Whose wallet did Danny find in the suit?
- Mr Black's.
 - Mr Bulbridge's.
 - Mr Gould's.
6. How did Mr Black manage to increase the sales?
- They sold everything very cheap.
 - They used a trick to attract customers.
 - They advertised their shop in the post offices, the subway and in the telephone boxes.

II. True or False?

- Danny was an elderly man.
- Danny learnt the exact address of the second hand gents' clothiers from the telephone directory.
- The shop was full of customers when Danny entered it.
- The blue suit that Danny tried on fitted him very well.
- Danny went to the park to examine the suit.
- Mr Black believed that the shop would get rid of the old cheap suits very soon.

TEST 31
THE LAST LEAF

I. Choose the most accurate answer.

- What did Johnsy count?
 - the days of her illness
 - the days before recovery
 - the leaves of the ivy vine
 - the leaves in her pad
- Where did Sue go after she talked with Johnsy?
 - to the doctor
 - to a neighbour
 - to a friend
 - to a model
- What was Old Behrman?
 - a successful advertiser
 - a popular model

- c) an unsuccessful painter
 - d) an infamous actor
4. What did the girls see on the morning of the second day?
 - a) a bare ivy vine
 - b) a leaf on the window sill
 - c) a broken tree
 - d) a leaf on the ivy vine
 5. What happened to Johnsy?
 - a) she felt nervous
 - b) she apologized for her behaviour
 - c) she recovered a good mood and physical strength
 - d) she wanted to start a new picture
 6. What was the matter with Old Behrman?
 - a) he had taken to bed
 - b) he was taken to the hospital
 - c) he had been infected
 - d) he had a serious lung disease
 7. How had Old Behrman got sick?
 - a) he had been painting in the cold rain all through the night
 - b) he had always been a man of poor health
 - c) he had overworked himself
 - d) it had happened while he was posing
 8. What did Sue think about Behrman?
 - a) that he was a promising artist
 - b) that he had created an outstanding work
 - c) that he had betrayed his talent
 - d) that he had been a failure in life

II. True or False?

1. Sue and Johnsy had a studio in a sky-scraper.
2. One winter day Johnsy fell ill with pneumonia.
3. Johnsy was sure she couldn't be helped.
4. There were a lot of leaves left on the ivy vine.
5. Johnsy was ready to die when the last leaf fell.

TEST 32
NO STORY

*I. Answer these questions. Choose **a**, **b** or **c**.*

1. Why did Tripp look unhealthy and miserable?
 - a) He worked too much in the mechanical department.
 - b) He was a drunkard.
 - c) He earned little and could hardly make ends meet.
2. Why had Ada Lowery come to New York?
 - a) She didn't like her fiancé.
 - b) She wanted to find someone.
 - c) She wanted to live in New York.
3. Why did the storyteller agree to go and see the girl?
 - a) He expected to get a good story.
 - b) He wanted to see the beautiful girl.
 - c) He felt obliged to do it.
4. Why did the storyteller feel ashamed when Tripp introduced him to Ada Lowery?
 - a) He didn't want to be introduced as Tripp's friend.
 - b) He didn't want to be introduced as a reporter.
 - c) He always felt uneasy in the presence of beautiful girls.
5. What did the storyteller understand when he saw a piece of a silver cent on Tripp's watch-chain?
 - a) Tripp badly needed the money.
 - b) Ada Lowery had told them a true story.
 - c) Tripp was the man that Ada Lowery had been trying to find.

II. True or False?

1. Tripp was about forty.
2. Tripp never borrowed more than one dollar.
3. That day, Tripp wanted to borrow some money again.
4. The girl had spent all her money when she arrived in New York.
5. The girl was waiting for Tripp in his flat.
6. The man, whom Ada Lowery was going to marry, was quite well-off.
7. The girl agreed to return to Long Island.

TEST 33

A FRIEND IN NEED

Kobe - a city and port in S Japan, on S Honshu on Osaka Bay

Yokohama - a port and city in central Japan, on SE Honshu on Tokyo Bay

I. Answer these questions. Choose a, b or c.

1. What does the writer think when people tell him that their first impressions of a person are always right?
 - a) He thinks they are not experienced enough to draw the right conclusions from the shape of the jaw, the look in the eyes and the shape of the mouth.
 - b) He thinks one should not draw any conclusions from a person's looks.
 - c) He thinks one can judge only his or her oldest friends.
2. Why was the writer interested in Hyde Burton?
 - a) He knew a lot of stories.
 - b) He had been in Japan for many years and knew the country very well.
 - c) His appearance was misleading.
3. What did Hyde Burton look like?
 - a) He was thin and short.
 - b) He was a bit overweight and had a red face.
 - c) He was tall and had blue eyes.
4. What did Lenny Burton do for a living?
 - a) He worked for Hyde Burton.
 - b) He owned a small casino.
 - c) His relatives sent him some money.
5. Why did Lenny Burton tell Hyde Burton that he could swim?
 - a) He knew that Hyde Burton had been a good swimmer too.
 - b) He could not do anything else.
 - c) He thought that it could amuse Hyde Burton.
6. Why did Hyde Burton suggest that Lenny should take a long and hard swim?
 - a) He wanted to test Lenny.
 - b) He had no job to offer.
 - c) He hated Lenny.

II. True or False?

1. The writer knew Hyde Burton very well.
2. Hyde Burton was married and had two daughters.
3. Lenny was confident that he was still a good swimmer.

4. Hyde Burton did not expect that Lenny would be drowned.
5. Hyde Burton came to the creek to see Lenny after the swim as they had agreed.

III. From the list below, choose the words to describe the writer's first impression of Hyde Burton.

- a) sentimental
- b) kindly
- c) gloomy
- d) with a dry humour
- e) funny
- f) charming
- g) snobbish
- h) boring
- i) quiet
- j) self-made
- k) irritable

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