


U10 The Men Behind Sherlock Holmes



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I. 詞彙 (36%)

- The boy played the piano very well. Everyone was amazed. His performance was really r_____e.
- The famous writer's third novel was p_____hed last week, and it sold like hot cakes.
- Our flight, which had been delayed because of the storm, e_____y took off six hours after the scheduled time.
- Julia's friendly p_____y makes her popular among her fellow students.
- The professor, who gave l_____es on British history, talked about the Tudor family today.
- The author accepted his readers' criticism and didn't d_____y that his book needed improvement.
- Joanne is from Japan, but she speaks English with a perfect a_____t.
- The works by the m_____n were mostly written for piano.
- Blue whales are the biggest living animals that e_____t on Earth. They can be up to thirty meters long.
- The company improved their products greatly and achieved a s_____t increase in sales.
- People gazed in _____ (admire) at the great artworks displayed in the museum.
- The novel begins with the _____ (mystery) death of a millionaire.

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II. 綜合測驗 (30%)

(A) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was a British writer in the 19th century. During his writing career, he was successful 13 creating many characters from different walks of life. The most famous one is Sherlock Holmes, the greatest fictional detective 14. For over a century, Doyle's Holmes has remained popular among readers worldwide.

Sherlock Holmes is not just found in books, though. He appears in different forms of pop culture media, including films, television series, comic books, and video games. In some, Holmes uses logic to analyze 15 he sees and solves mysteries in the 19th century London. In others, he searches for clues in more modern times. Considering his huge popularity, it's not surprising that Holmes has had a great influence 16 fiction and film writers. Their characters' images and talents are similar to

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17 of Sherlock Holmes.


Will the great detective continue to be popular in the future? The answer is very likely to be positive.

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| _____ 13. (A) at | (B) in | (C) for | (D) by |
| _____ 14. (A) by the time | (B) at times | (C) of all time | (D) in time |
| _____ 15. (A) when | (B) why | (C) how | (D) what |
| _____ 16. (A) on | (B) in | (C) to | (D) for |
| _____ 17. (A) some | (B) those | (C) which | (D) what |

(B) One of the most famous characters in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's detective stories is Professor James Moriarty. Moriarty is 18 good at planning and committing crimes that Sherlock Holmes even calls him "the Napoleon of Crime." He is described as a genius who uses his brain to organize evil crimes. No one knows 19 the character of Moriarty is based on a real person. Many scholars believe that he is a combination of several criminals 20 in the 19th century England.

In *The Adventure of the Final Problem*, Holmes is about to catch Moriarty after months of following the criminal. Moriarty is angry and chases Holmes to the top of a steep mountain, 21 they fall to their deaths during a fight. 22 this story, as its title suggests, was written to end the Sherlock Holmes series, many fans were disappointed and asked Doyle to continue the Holmes stories. And just as they wished, Sherlock Holmes was later brought back to life.

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| _____ 18. (A) very | (B) too | (C) so | (D) such |
| _____ 19. (A) what | (B) how | (C) whether | (D) where |
| _____ 20. (A) to live | (B) had lived | (C) lived | (D) living |
| _____ 21. (A) which | (B) where | (C) to which | (D) how |
| _____ 22. (A) Even though | (B) However | (C) Besides | (D) Despite |

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no-nonsense 務實嚴肅的 agency 代理機構

III. 閱讀測驗 (14% · 23-25 每題 3 分, 26 每題 5 分)

The "hard-boiled detective" was a classic American character, and it grew in popularity in the 1930s. At that time, Americans suffered from poverty, and they needed a strong, no-nonsense hero to fight against evil. The typical hard-boiled detective is a man with a troubled past. But he is a romantic at heart, seeking to right the wrongs of the world.

Philip Marlowe is one of the original hard-boiled detectives. He first appears in *The Big Sleep*, released by Raymond Chandler in 1939. In all the Marlowe novels, he runs an independent detective agency. He barely makes enough money to survive, but money is not so important to him. He takes great pleasure in solving murder cases and bringing justice to those who have suffered. In Marlowe's own words: "I hear voices crying in the night, and I go see what's the matter."

Another popular hard-boiled detective is Matthew Scudder, created by Lawrence Sanders. In the

1976 novel, *The Sins of the Fathers*, Scudder is an ex-cop. He has left his family and has turned to alcohol after an eight-year-old girl was accidentally killed when he was in a gun battle with two armed robbers in the streets. The novels follow Scudder as he ages. By the 16th novel in the series in 2005, *All the Flowers Are Dying*, he is in his sixties, and has kicked his drinking habit, and remarried.

In sum, the hard-boiled detective is a hero we can identify with. He makes mistakes and has regrets, just as we all do. However he is an honorable person with a sense of justice. During hard times, he is just the kind of hero we need.

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23. Which of the following statements correctly describes a hard-boiled detective?
- (A) He looks easy to get along with. (B) He believes in right against wrong.
(C) He is struggling to survive. (D) He tries hard to forget his troubled past.
24. According to the passage, what would give Philip Marlowe a sense of satisfaction?
- (A) Seeking justice for victims. (B) Giving money to those in need.
(C) Saving people from accidents. (D) Becoming a rich and clever detective.
25. Which of the following statements about Matthew Scudder is true?
- (A) He remains sharp all the time despite his drinking habit.
(B) He experiences a process of personal growth in his sixties.
(C) He is a sixty-year-old detective throughout his novel series.
(D) He grows older as each new novel telling his story comes out.
26. According to the passage, how does Matthew Scudder fit the description of a hard-boiled detective in terms of having “a troubled past”?

IV. 寫作測驗 (20%)

27. Neil asked Ellen, “Is your new bag expensive?”

(請用 whether 改寫句子。)(6%)

28. Will my brother accept the job offer because the pay is good?

(請以 I wonder if ... 改寫句子。)(6%)

29. 夏洛克·福爾摩斯有敏銳的細節觀察力。(4%)

Sherlock Holmes has a _____.

30. Mike 想寫一部偵探小說，但他發現很難開始動筆。(4%)

Mike wanted to write a detective novel, but he found it difficult to _____.

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