OPTION B: “The Jack the Ripper Case Finally Solved”

1. For just over 125 years, the mystery of the Jack the Ripper serial murders has been inspiration for books, movies and periodic re-openings of the unsolved cases. But after years of investigation, a retired detective is confident he has finally found the criminal behind some, if not all, of the killings attributed to the infamous "Jack."

2. Retired homicide detective Trevor Marriott says that, after 11 years of investigation, he believes German merchant sailor Carl Feigenbaum committed an unknown number of the murders. What does appear to be true is that between Aug. 31, 1888, and Nov. 9, 1888, five women were stabbed to death within one-fourth of a mile from each other in the Whitechapel neighbourhood of London. Most assume the victims were prostitutes and all killed by the same man.

3. Marriott had begun to think about Feigenbaum when he found out that his ships often docked near the neighbourhood where many of the unsolved murders occurred. Sailors were known to seek out prostitutes in the Whitechapel district.

4. Perhaps most convincing was the fact that Feigenbaum's own lawyer, William Lawton, had once told reporters he believed his client had confessed to the crimes by claiming that a disease made him kill and mutilate women. Indeed, Feigenbaum was eventually convicted and executed for an unrelated murder in New York City in 1894.

5. "Jack is supposed to be responsible for five murders, but there were other similar killings before and after the ones attributed to him, both in this country and abroad in America and Germany,” Marriott says, adding that the widely appropriated image of Jack as a well-dressed gentleman is probably nothing but an "urban myth."

I * COMPREHENSION (4 points: questions 1-3, 1 point each; 4-5, 0.5 points each)

1. Why was “Jack” notorious?

2. What made Marriott consider Feigenbaum as the main suspect in the first place?

3. Did William Lawton kill and mutilate women? Explain

ARE THESE STATEMENTS TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH THE PRECISE WORDS OR PHRASES FROM THE TEXT, OR USE YOUR OWN WORDS.

4. Some other murders had followed the same pattern.

5. It is a fact that Jack was an elegant gentleman.

II * USE OF ENGLISH (3 points; questions 6-9, 0.25 points each; 10-13, 0.5 points each)

6. FIND IN THE TEXT A SYNONYM FOR “research” (noun).

7. FILL IN THE GAP WITH A CORRECT PREPOSITION: “Marriott did not find any of the information he needed …………… that website.”

8. GIVE A NOUN WITH THE SAME ROOT AS “appear” (verb) (line 5).

9. FIND IN THE TEXT THE WORD WHICH HAS THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION: “a person who is responsible for a crime or any other misdeed or illegal action.”

10. GIVE A QUESTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORDS: "Jack is supposed to be responsible for different kinds of murders".

11. REWRITE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MEANING. BEGIN AS INDICATED: “She moved into the new apartment three years ago and she still lives there.” She has……

12. FILL IN THE GAP WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERB IN BRACKETS. “Customers are allowed …. (smoke) in the patio”.

13. USE THE WORDS IN THE BOXES TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL SENTENCE. USE ALL AND ONLY THE WORDS IN THE BOXES WITHOUT CHANGING THEIR FORM.

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III * PRODUCTION (3 points)

14. WRITE A COMPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 120 WORDS ABOUT THE PROPOSED TOPIC AND FOCUS STRICTLY ON IT: Do you like mystery stories? Discuss (explain why, or summarise one of these stories).