

Listening & Reading

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1	(A)	B			
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16	A	(B)	C	D	
17	A	B	C	(D)	
18	A	B	(C)	D	
19	A	B	(C)	D	
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23	A	B	(C)	D	
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25	A	B	C	(D)	
26	A	(B)	C	D	E
27	A	B	C	(D)	E
28	(A)	B	C	D	(E)
29	A	B	C	D	(E)
30	A	B	(C)	D	E
31	A	(B)	C	D	
32	A	B	C	(D)	
33	A	B	C	(D)	
34	A	B	C	(D)	
35	A	(B)	C	D	
36		longevity			
37		excessive			
38		maintaining			
39		re-address			
40		allotment			

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1	established	21	unflattering
2	appointed	22	perception
3	demand	23	reparations
4	response	24	justify
5	appreciate	25	overreacted
6	obtained	26	unblemished
7	membership	27	relatively
8	cover	28	arguable
9	refreshments	29	misconduct
10	available	30	enclose

11	quiet
12	tidy
13	break
14	shine
15	dry
16	bounds
17	take
18	steadily
19	parcel
20	tails

31	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	(J)	K	L
32	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	(H)	I	J	K	L
33	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	(I)	J	K	L
34	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	(L)
35	A	(B)	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
36	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	(K)	L
37	A	B	C	D	E	F	(G)	H	I	J	K	L
38	A	B	C	D	E	(F)	(G)	H	I	J	K	L
39	A	B	(C)	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
40	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	(J)	K	L
41	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	(K)	L
42	A	B	C	D	(E)	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
43	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	(L)
44	(A)	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
45	A	B	C	D	(E)	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
46	A	B	C	(D)	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
47	(A)	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
48	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	(I)	J	K	L
49	A	B	C	D	E	(F)	G	H	I	J	K	L
50	A	(B)	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L

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The science fiction writer, Frederic Brown, is credited to write the shortest story in the world in 1948, which he called "Knock". The story was this: "The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a knock on the door." The story paved the way to a new fashion of writing very short stories, the most outstanding of which were collected by Steve Moss in a paradigm-shattering book titled "The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death".

The volume comprises a variety of masterpieces created by different authors. However, there are some formal requirements for each piece of literature: exposition, one or more protagonists, either external or internal conflict and its resolution. But the factor that binds the book together is unequivocally the length of a literary work which under no circumstances should exceed 55 words.

A number of samples from the book illustrate the idea that all stories included in the collection can be divided into two categories: those targeted towards exposing social problems and those geared towards entertaining. While "Gratitude" and "Higher Education" convert everyday situations into matters of life and death, "In the Garden" and "The Search" focus on the anecdotal sides of our mundane reality. In other words, Hunt's and Bast's stories can be regarded as barometers of social changes. At the same time, Torres's and Tompkins's ^{comic} works cause readers to smile.

To my mind, not only is the reviewed literary masterpiece a pure book-joy but it is also a mine of information. It offers a panoply of peculiar attitudes towards complicated ~~philosophical, political and social~~ issues. Furthermore, the volume

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is an example of colourful language ~~rich in vocabulary~~ ^{rich in} ~~rich in vocabulary~~ ^{such} literary devices, ~~such as~~ alliteration, ~~and~~ inversion, ~~etc.~~ ^{etc.} ~~These~~ ~~are~~ ~~highly~~ ~~worth~~ ~~reading~~ ~~to~~ ~~improve~~ ~~your~~ ~~critical~~ ~~thinking~~ ~~abilities~~.

Concerning recommendations, I would strongly oppose the idea of leafing through the book in question without making pauses. Instead, try to focus on every work specifically and take your time to reflect on the author's message. Moreover, pay attention to the execution of the story as well as its contents.

~~In a nutshell, the book is the wisdom of the universe crystallized in 55 words. If you wish to delve deeper into the intricacies of human mind, this collection will surely give you some food for thought.~~

As we all know, good things come in small packages. This book is ~~an~~ ~~exception~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~rule~~ ~~as~~ the printed embodiment of ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~valuable~~ ~~human~~ wisdom crystallized in 55 words.

Task 2

The last man on Earth sat alone in a room. There was a bang on the door.

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