

Listening & Reading

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1	(A)	B			
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10	(A)	B			
11	A	(B)	C		
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15	A	B	(C)		
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17	A	B	C	(D)	
18	A	B	(C)	D	
19	A	B	(C)	D	
20	A	(B)	C	D	
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23	A	B	(C)	D	
24	A	B	C	(D)	
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	longitudinal				
37	excessive				
38	maintaining				
39	addressing				
40	allotation				

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Use of English

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1	established			
2	appointed	21	unflattering	1
3	demand	22	perception	1
4	sequense	23	repairation	0
5	appreciate	24	justify	1
6	supposed	25	overreacted	1
7	admittance	26	unblemished	1
8	cover	27	relatively	1
9	refreshments	28	arguable	1
10	available	29	misconduct	1
		30	disclose	1

11	quiet
12	clean
13	break
14	storm
15	dry
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17	take
18	surely
19	particle
20	

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 using as few words as possible. This fashion of writing was popularised by an editor of New Times magazine Steve Moss. In 1987 Moss created an annual competition for writers called 55 Fiction. The competition still runs and authors can submit their works.

To be considered 55 Fiction the story needs to meet the following requirements: have a setting and multiple characters, consist of fifty-five or fewer words and depict some kind of conflict. Twelve years later Moss published a book featuring the best stories. The book's title is The World's Shortest Stories of Love and Death:

In my opinion, these stories, despite being fairly short, never fail to impress the readers. The plots of the stories are usually unpredictable which makes them fascinating to read. The majority of the stories encourage the readers to think about their moral lives. For example, Andrew E. Hunt's story 'Gratitude' reminds the readers to be thankful for what they have in life and find happiness in small things. The similarity of the stories is the abundance of metaphors which contribute to the plot.

Besides, every story has a moral. Ron Bast's story called "Higher Education", for example, stresses the importance of getting proper education. However, the moral of the stories is not easy to interpret as the writers give readers room for thought.

This book can appeal to any reader of our English-language magazine who is willing to analyze the stories thoroughly. The stories will definitely leave a lasting impression on the readers. The experience of reading such stories can ~~ever be eye-opening for them~~.

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Hopefully, these stories will inspire you to write your own literary work and submit it to the magazine.

Task 2.

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