1 Match a name from A with a description from B.

A
1 ___ Douglas
2 ___ Leelevati
3 ___ The Begum
4 ___ Inder Lal
5 ___ Harry

B
a An Indian Government official, owner of the house in Satipur where Douglas’s granddaughter stayed.
b Olivia’s husband.
c A friend of the Nawab, staying at the Nawab’s palace.
d The Nawab’s mother.
e An old beggar woman.

20 marks

2 Which words are missing? For each sentence, choose 1, 2 or 3.

a Olivia travelled to India by ...
1 ___ plane
2 ___ car
3 ___ ship

b After she had been in India for a few months, Olivia ...
1 ___ got bored
2 ___ became pregnant
3 ___ went up into the mountains

c On the Husband’s Wedding Day, there was often fighting between ...
1 ___ the British and the Indians
2 ___ Muslims and Hindus
3 ___ the rich and the poor

d Harry wanted to go back to England ...
1 ___ to return to his job
2 ___ to see his friends
3 ___ to be with his mother

e Olivia died ...
1 ___ in England
2 ___ in India
3 ___ on the journey home

20 marks

3 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

a ___ The writer of the diary was Olivia’s grand-daughter.
b ___ Although the writer of the diary was English, she liked wearing Indian clothes.

c ___ In India, dead bodies are usually buried in the ground.
d ___ Douglas hoped to have many sons, not daughters.
e ___ When the Nawab died, he had no children who could inherit his Palace.

4 Fill in the gaps using bowl, graveyard, robe, clothes, statue, begging, Hindu, shaved, stolen, temples.

Chid was English, but he did not use his English name or wear English ............... . He wore an orange ............... . He had no hair, because he had ............... his head. He had studied the ............... religion in England, and when he came to India he spent a lot of time in the ............... . All he owned was a ............... for his food: all his money had been ............... . He travelled across India, ............... for food and sleeping under trees. The writer of the diary met Chid in an old hotel. From the window of the hotel, they could see a ............... , where many people were buried. In 1923, Dr Saunders’ baby had died, and there was a stone ............... of an angel where the baby was buried.

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5 What happened in India in 1947?
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Heat and Dust
Ruth Prawer Jhabvala

Setting

Choose the best answer.

1 Heat and Dust is set around the Indian town of _____.
   a Delhi b Calcutta c Madras d Satipur
2 The story is set in the _____ and the 1970s.
   a 1850s b 1890s c 1920s d 1950s
3 The story is about a group of _____ people in India.
   a British b American c Australian d French
4 A young woman goes to India to find out more about a woman called Olivia who was married to her _____.
   a father b grandfather c uncle d cousin
5 The young woman learns about Olivia from some old _____.
   a diaries b books c photos and postcards d letters
6 The young woman _____ an Indian man called Inder Lal.
   a buys a house from b rents a room from c works for d travels with
7 The Nawab in the story lives in a _____.
   a grand house b modern flat c beautiful palace d old castle
8 Olivia first meets the Nawab at a _____ party.
   a dinner b garden c wedding d birthday
9 Olivia often feels sad when she walks around the British _____ in Satipur.
   a park b graveyard c shops d embassy
10 At the end, the young woman goes _____ to see where Olivia spent her last years.
    a into the mountains b down to the coast c to Madras d to England

20 marks

Characters

Choose the best answer.

11 Douglas Rivers is a handsome British _____ who is married to Olivia.
   a doctor b official c architect d soldier
12 _____ doesn’t really like the other British people in Satipur.
   a Olivia b Douglas c Joan Saunders d Mrs Crawford

20 marks

Dialogue

Who said or wrote this?

21 ‘I can’t miss the chance of a dinner party with some different people.’
   a Douglas b Joan Saunders c Olivia d the Begum
22 ‘Now Olivia, do say you will come away from the heat and join us in Simla, even if Douglas can’t come.’
   a Douglas b Mrs Crawford c Dr Saunders d Harry
23 ‘He’s been so kind to me, he’s so generous, you can’t imagine.’
   a Joan Saunders b the Nawab c Major Minnies d Mr Crawford
24 ‘Do you know, as soon as I saw you, I thought we would get on well together.’
   a Douglas b the Nawab c Dr Saunders d Mrs Crawford
Choose the best answer.

31 when you feel comfortable and not worried
a □ desperate b □ relaxed c □ ashamed d □ awful
32 metal or wooden covers for windows, to keep
out the heat and light
a □ shutters b □ curtains c □ blinds d □ sheets
33 a jet of water in the air, which rises or falls
a □ pond b □ stream c □ river d □ fountain
34 when something is very bad
a □ evil b □ popular c □ available d □ accurate
35 a meal which is eaten in the open air, somewhere
away from home
a □ dinner b □ recipe c □ picnic d □ menu
36 a man who owns a building, flats or rooms,
where other people pay to live
a □ manager b □ housekeeper c □ lord
d □ landlord
37 to look after or defend something
a □ prepare b □ pretend c □ protect
d □ provide
38 a figure of a person which is made from stone
or metal

Choose the best answer.

20 marks

Plot

40 a very thin kind of rope
a □ vase b □ image c □ painting d □ statue
39 a person who is paid to do housework
a □ lady b □ servant c □ officer d □ runner
40 You should have gone to the mountains. It’s too
hot for you here. That’s why you’re so upset.’
a □ Douglas b □ the Nawab c □ Olivia
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29 ‘Now it is time. Now she has loved, and worked,
and travelled, and begged, enough.’
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27 ‘I miss Sandy very much. She was a modern girl,
you know, not like the Indian ladies. She was
like you, Olivia.’
a □ Inder Lal b □ Karim c □ Maji d □ Chid
26 ‘My mother keeps writing and asking me to come
– she’s not well and I’m worried about her.’
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