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ПИСЬМЕННЫЙ ТУР

Время выполнения – 90 минут, максимальный балл – 40

You are going to watch a guided video tour which explores Sherlock Holmes London locations. Read Tasks 1 and 2, then watch the video tour and do the tasks. The video is 18 minutes long; it will be played only once. You now have 5 minutes to read Tasks 1 and 2.

Task 1. Complete each gapped sentence with one word from the video. To answer the multiple-choice questions, choose one letter, A, B, C or D.

- 1 At the beginning of the tour Sherlock Holmes is characterised as a man of many talents. One of them is _____ – exceptional analytical skills which make it possible to derive solutions to problems by examining the known facts and drawing conclusions from them.
- 2 Which of the following is not mentioned in the description of Sherlock Holmes?
A He was born in London. C He is skilled in sword fighting.
B He can alter his appearance. D He is renowned for unravelling complex crimes.
- 3 The tour begins in Baker Street where everything is now associated with Sherlock Holmes. For example, one can visit 221B Baker Street where ...
A Sherlock Holmes embarks on his first investigation
B Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson live and share rent
C famous films and cartoons about Sherlock Holmes are set
D Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote his books about Sherlock Holmes
- 4 The guide explains that Arthur Conan Doyle's primary profession was in medicine, but it was his secondary pursuit that brought him worldwide recognition.
A True B False C Not stated
- 5 It is believed that Arthur Conan Doyle modelled Sherlock Holmes's methods and mannerism on those of Dr Joseph Bell, who had been the writer's _____. Dr Joseph Bell was known to be able to diagnose a patient without even having to talk to them.
- 6 Dr Watson is Sherlock Holmes's devoted friend and assistant. Which of the following statements is not true about Dr Watson?
A Dr Watson is the person who writes everything and narrates the stories.
B Dr Watson lives in Harley Street, a famous street for doctors in London.
C In the book we are introduced to Dr Watson prior to meeting Sherlock Holmes.
D Dr Watson returns to England after having been wounded during one of his trips.
- 7 The tour proceeds to St Bartholomew's Hospital, the oldest hospital in London, where...
A Dr Watson is treated after his return to England
B Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson get acquainted
C Dr Watson works and carries out experiments with chemicals
D *A Study in Scarlet*, the first story about Sherlock Holmes, unfolds
- 8 Speedy's, a small sandwich bar and café the guide drops into, is over one hundred years old and has welcomed visitors since Victorian times.
A True B False C Not stated
- 9 The Langham Hotel, where Arthur Conan Doyle was commissioned to write his second book, is featured in *A Scandal in Bohemia*. In this story Sherlock Holmes meets Irene Adler, and we come to know that any emotions, love in particular, are _____ to his cold mind.
- 10 According to the tour guide, Sherlock Holmes became a huge success ...
A immediately when the novels were published
B only when the novels reached the United States

- C when Arthur Conan Doyle started writing short stories for a magazine
 D as soon as Sidney Paget, an illustrator, created the look of the main character
- 11 The iconic image of Sherlock Holmes was not created entirely by Arthur Conan Doyle. For example, William Gillette, an American actor, added the famous...
 A deer stalker cap B magnifying glass C walking stick D curved pipe
- 12 The first screen adaptation of Sherlock Holmes is an American silent film released in 1916.
 A True B False C Not stated
- 13 Our next stop is Pall Mall where Mycroft Holmes lives. Mycroft Holmes, Sherlock's elder brother, is a founding member of the Diogenes Club, a gentlemen's club where talking is forbidden. We first meet him in *The Adventure of the Greek* _____.
- 14 The guide mentions that Arthur Conan Doyle's wife was a medium. The writer himself attended séances and ...
 A later endowed Sherlock Holmes with spiritualistic powers
 B claimed that he had taken a photograph of two children with fairies
 C strongly believed that it was possible to transmit messages from the dead to the living
 D witnessed people producing ectoplasm – the substance allowing a spirit to have a form
- 15 One of the locations worth visiting is Watkins Books. We learn that ...
 A it is the oldest bookshop in the whole of London
 B Arthur Conan Doyle's first books were sold there
 C Arthur Conan Doyle was involved in spiritual séances inside the shop
 D it was the only occult shop in London where the writer most certainly came in
- 16 The guide's opinion about Arthur Conan Doyle's later Sherlock Holmes stories is that they are rather peculiar, and some characters are different from anything natural.
 A True B False C Not stated
- 17 The Freemasons' Hall, featured in the Robert Downey Jr adaptation of Sherlock Holmes, has all sorts of symbols inside that contributed to the atmosphere of _____ in one of the scenes of the film.
- 18 The tour guides discuss their favourite portrayals of Sherlock Holmes by various film actors. Which of the following is not mentioned?
 A Benedict Cumberbatch C Jonny Lee Miller
 B Basil Rathbone D Jeremy Brett
- 19 Sherlock Holmes is referred to as 'a time lord' because ...
 A of his extraordinary perception of time
 B his various representations travel in time from the 1800s
 C in every new short story he appears to be in a different epoch
 D the characters of *Doctor Who* were based on Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson
- 20 Arthur Conan Doyle could not get rid of Sherlock Holmes completely, and after 'killing' him he was forced to bring Sherlock Holmes back because people demanded his return.
 A True B False C Not stated

Task 2. Imagine that you have actually taken the tour 'Sherlock Holmes London Locations' and now you want to share your impressions. Write an article about the tour (250–280 words) for an international website. Include the information that is most likely to interest potential visitors to London:

- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his creation of Sherlock Holmes;
- Sherlock Holmes's appearance and personality;
- locations in London (three or more) and why they are associated with the characters of the books or the writer;
- famous depictions of Sherlock Holmes around the world;
- your overall impression of the tour and recommendations for future visitors.

Include a title and divide your article into paragraphs according to the plan.