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PROPUESTA A

RUBIN HURRICANE CARTER

Rubin Carter was wrongfully imprisoned for nearly two decades for murders he did not commit. The son of a Baptist minister, Rubin Carter grew up in New Jersey, where he had several problems with the law at an early age. When he was twelve, Carter was arrested for stabbing a man with his knife. As a result of this incident, a judge sentenced Carter to a six-year term in the Home for Boys.

Upon his release from prison, Carter finally pursued his dream of becoming a professional boxer. He did so with much success. As Carter had the reputation of being a very aggressive boxer, a boxing promoter gave Carter the nickname "Hurricane".

On June 17, 1966, two armed African-American men entered a bar in New Jersey. They shot and killed the barman and two customers. Following the shooting, police arrested Carter and John Artis, a nineteen-year-old friend who was in Carter's vehicle at the time.

The jury found Carter and Artis guilty for the triple murder. Throughout the trial both men insisted on their innocence and claimed that they were victims of racism. They received life sentences. Carter appealed his sentence in the New Jersey state courts, but the verdict did not change.

While he was in prison, Carter wrote his autobiography, *The Sixteenth Round: From Number 1 Contender to Number 45472*. After Carter was beginning to lose hope, his situation improved. With the help of lawyers on November 8, 1985, Carter was released after nineteen years of wrongful imprisonment.

Adapted from <http://www.bookrags.com/biography/>

QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Add TRUE or FALSE and **copy the evidence** from the text to support your answer.

NO marks are given for only true or false.

1. Carter went to prison because he committed several murders.
2. When Carter was first released from prison, he became a professional boxer.
3. In the trial, Carter and Artis declared that they had not killed anybody.
4. Carter wrote his autobiography when he was released in 1985.

II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. almost
2. a familiar or humorous name
3. during
4. jail



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B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

1. Write two words from the text that include the same sound as “time” /aɪ/
2. Write one word from the text that includes the same sound as “home” /əu/
3. Is the “-ed” pronounced /d/, /t/ or /ɪd/ in “killed”?

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. John stole the wallet yesterday.
The wallet
2. Charles said: “I finished cleaning my room two hours ago”.
Charles
3. I have never driven a Porsche.
It is the
4. The neighbour makes a lot of noise walking around. His flat is above mine.
The neighbour
5. I haven’t got a car. That is why I don’t go to the beach.
If
6. Write the correct question for the underlined words.
.....?
He went to the gym after the lesson.

IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on the following topic:

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “One should never judge a person by external appearances”.

Do you think Spain is a racist country? Why? Why not?

Give reasons and details to support your answer.



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PROPUESTA B

ERNEST AND AGNES

When the United States entered World War I in 1917 Hemingway was working in Kansas City as a newspaper reporter. The idea of Europe at war, with its dangers and adventures, greatly appealed to the young reporter who was eager to go where the action was. He joined the US troops in May 1918 and was assigned to the Italian front where he served as a Red Cross ambulance driver. During an attempt to save a wounded Italian soldier, he was shot in the leg by an Australian machine gun.

He was immediately taken to an American hospital. At the hospital, there were eighteen nurses for only four patients. Hemingway fell immediately in love with Agnes von Kurowsky, a beautiful nurse from Washington, D.C. Hemingway was not yet twenty and extremely handsome. The nurses liked him and he made friends easily with the other patients. Agnes was almost thirty and although she found him attractive, she was initially cautious about getting involved with such a young man. However, she was intrigued by his masculine vitality and charm. With the passing of time, their relationship grew in intensity; they were inseparable and they used to meet every day. Hemingway was so much in love that he wanted Agnes to become his wife.

However, in March 1919 Agnes wrote Hemingway a letter, telling him that she had realized that she was too old for him, and she planned to marry another man soon! Hemingway was shocked and devastated by this letter. He thought Agnes had betrayed him.

Adapted from the introduction to *A Farewell to Arms*

QUESTIONS

I. READING COMPREHENSION. (2 POINTS) (0.5 points for each correct answer)

Add TRUE or FALSE and **copy the evidence** from the text to support your answer.

NO marks are given for only true or false.

1. Hemingway was looking forward to going to war.
2. During the war, an Italian soldier shot him.
3. At the hospital, there were not enough nurses for the patients.
4. Agnes was in her early thirties.

II. LEXICON / PHONETICS (2 POINTS):

A. LEXICON. (1 POINT) (0.25 points for each correct answer)

Find words or phrases in the text that mean the same as these given.

1. impatient.
2. at once.
3. starting a relationship.
4. passion.



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B. PHONETICS. (1 POINT)

1. How is the “-ed” pronounced in “appealed”, /t/, /d/ or /ɪd/.? (0.25)
2. Write two words from the text that includes the same sound as “gun” /ʌ/. (0.5)
3. Is the “ch” in “charm” pronounced as /ʃ/ or as /tʃ/. (0.25)

III. USE OF ENGLISH. (3 POINTS) (0.5 for each correct answer)

Rewrite the following sentences starting with the words given:

1. Mary has bought a flat. It belonged to her grandmother.
Mary
2. They were tired. That is why they did not go out.
If
3. The novel was so funny that I couldn't stop laughing.
It was
4. “Shut up”, the teacher told his students.
The teacher
5. To get up early is something I hate.
I can't
6. Write the correct question for the underlined words.
.....?
She stole the ring yesterday night.

IV. COMPOSITION. (3 POINTS)

Write a composition of between 100 and 125 words on the following topic:

Do you think that love is more important than money? Why?