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### Part One: Reading

(Score: 12/20)

Read the following selection, in which the writer reports a ghostly event that occurred to some of his friends. When you are through with the reading, answer the questions blow in your booklet.

### The Ghost Back Home

- 1 It all happened one summer on an island in Scotland. A family had rented a house for their summer holiday – an old fisherman’s cottage with a beautiful view across the sea, owned by a lady who lived next door in a new house. The place seemed perfect, far away from the noise of the city, with clean air blowing in from the sea, green fields all around, and the hospitality of the islanders to welcome the visitors.
- 2 As soon as the father sat down in the sitting room to read his newspaper, he heard someone enter the room. To his surprise, a stranger was standing in the middle of the room, dressed like a sailor who had been out in a storm. He was wearing a heavy raincoat and big boots. He was very wet: rain ran down his coat and dripped onto the carpet.
- 3 All the father could say was, “Hello!” But the man said nothing. He just stood there and looked around the room as if he were looking for someone. Then he suddenly turned round and walked out of the room. But what a shock! He walked straight through the solid brick wall!
- 4 The father saw a puddle of water where the sailor had stood. He looked out of the window: it was still a beautiful sunny day. So why was the sailor so wet? It was such a mystery that could be solved only when the landlady told the sad story of the “wet sailor.”
- 5 He was her husband, who had served on the island’s lifeboat. One day, a ship was caught in a terrible storm, and the lifeboat was called out to rescue the people out there. The rain was pouring down heavily; the waves threw the lifeboat up and down. It was the worst storm anyone had ever known. It was so terrible that, before the men had a chance to rescue the ship in trouble, the lifeboat – hit by a wave – turned over and sank. **All men**, including the woman’s husband, drowned.
- 6 The memory of her husband’s loss urged the lady to build a new house next door and let the former one to summer visitors after making some changes. One of the changes was bricking up the door between the sitting room and the garden. When the sailor arrived home still wet from the terrible storm, he looked for his wife but could not find her; so he left the sitting room, supposedly going out through the door he had always used.

### Questions

- A. Copy the following table, and then supply the correct paragraph number for each of the following headings (topic ideas). (Score: 01.5)

Heading (Topic Idea)	Paragraph Number
Appearance of ghost	
Mystery intensifies	
Setting of the story	
Departure of ghost	
Mystery unfolded	
Husband’s death	

**B.** Answer the following questions in complete sentences of your own.

1. Who was the “wet sailor”? (Score: 01)
2. What does *All men* in Paragraph 5 refer to? (Score: 01)
3. What reason is there for the father’s surprise after the stranger had left through the wall? (Score: 01)

**C.** The following statements are false because they misinterpret information stated or implied in the above text. Explain the mistake in each. (Score: 01.5)

1. The local people avoided the company of strangers.
2. The writer was shocked to see the stranger walking through the wall.
3. The door that was bricked up led to the new house.

**D.** Pick and copy the choice that best completes the meaning in each of the two sentences below.

1. The sailor died because of a terrible storm and \_\_\_\_\_. (Score: 01)
  - heavy rain
  - late rescue
  - huge waves
  - the lifeboat hit the ship in trouble
2. The ghost went through the wall because he \_\_\_\_\_.
  - wanted to scare the people
  - was wet from the storm
  - was looking for his wife
  - went through the place where the door used to be

**E.** Find words in the text which most nearly have the following meanings. (Score: 02)

1. friendly behavior towards visitors (Paragraphs 1 & 2)
2. fell in drops (Paragraphs 2 & 3)
3. strong and firm (Paragraphs 3 & 4)
4. save from danger (Paragraphs 5 & 6)

**F.** Rewrite the following two sentences, starting as indicated, without changing the meaning. (Score: 03)

1. The lifeboat was called out to rescue the people out there.  
**The coast guard ... .**
2. The father said to his wife, “Can you believe that the stranger walked through the wall?”  
**The father wondered if ... .**

## **Part Two: Writing**

**(Score: 08/20)**

Recount a strange incident in which you or somebody else passed through a frightening experience.

Develop your ideas in a well-organized essay within the range of 150-200 words. Supply your composition with a suitable title and an outline.

(Score: 03 for **ideas**, 03 for **language**, and 02 for **outline and title**)

## English Language

## Answer Key

## A.

Heading (Topic Idea)	Paragraph Number
Appearance of ghost	2
Mystery intensifies	4
Setting of the story	1
Departure of ghost	3
Mystery unfolded	6
Husband's death	5

## B.

1. The landlady's husband / the ghost / the stranger
2. Refers to the lifeboat sailors / rescuers
3. He saw a puddle of water where the stranger was standing in the middle of the room although it was a beautiful sunny day outside.

## C.

1. The local people showed hospitality to the visitors.
2. The father was shocked to see the stranger walking through the wall.
3. The door that was bricked up led to the garden.

## D.

1. - huge waves
2. - went through the place where the door used to be

## E.

1. hospitality
2. dripped
3. solid
4. rescue

## F.

1. The coast guard called out the lifeboat to rescue the people out there.  
The coast guard, to rescue the people out there, called out the lifeboat.
2. The father wondered if his wife could believe that the stranger had walked through the wall.