



7+ English Examination

Candidate's Name: _____

Part A: Reading Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions.

The museum in Paris had been closed for several hours and the *Bon Homme* cleaning crew were busy at work. Over a hundred cleaners were scurrying over the huge museum, mopping the floors and dusting the railings, taking care not to damage the precious paintings that hung on the walls.

One of the rooms in the museum was known as the Mona Lisa room, because on a special fake wall in the middle hung the most famous painting in the world.

The Mona Lisa was a painting of a woman in a brown dress with a mysterious smile on her face. It was painted over four hundred years ago by an artist named Leonardo da Vinci. It was so valuable that the museum had invested in a bullet-proof-glass security box, which was fixed over the painting to protect it from anyone who wanted to do the Mona Lisa harm.

Or who wanted to steal it.

On this night, Helene, one of *Bon Homme's* senior cleaners, made her way to the Mona Lisa room. As usual, she entered the room after her assistant, Jean Paul, had mopped the floor.

"Bonjour, Jean Paul!" Helene smiled. "How is your daughter? Feeling better?"

Jean Paul did not reply. Without so much as a nod, he scurried past Helene. She noticed he was sweating.

Helene frowned.

'If he's so hot,' she thought, 'why is Jean Paul wearing that baggy coat?'

Helene walked over to the glass box with the Mona Lisa inside and pulled out a special dusting cloth. She smiled. This was her favourite part of the day. Helene lifted the cloth and tried to wipe over the glass. But something was wrong. The front of the box was no longer there!

Helene blinked twice.

"The Mona Lisa!" she cried. "The world's most famous painting has been stolen from the Louvre!"

Read the passage again carefully and then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

1. How many cleaners worked in the museum?

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2. Who painted the Mona Lisa?

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3. Reread the final paragraph. What is the name of the museum?

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4. Reread the first paragraph. Give two reasons you know that this story is set in France.

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5. Why are the words '*I wonder why Jean Paul is wearing that baggy coat?*' printed in italics [the slanted text]?

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6. We are told 'Helene blinked twice.' Why did she blink twice?

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7. Why do you think Jean Paul is wearing a baggy coat?

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Reread the whole passage again.

8. What have you learned about Helene?

You might consider her personality [what she is like as a person] and her job.

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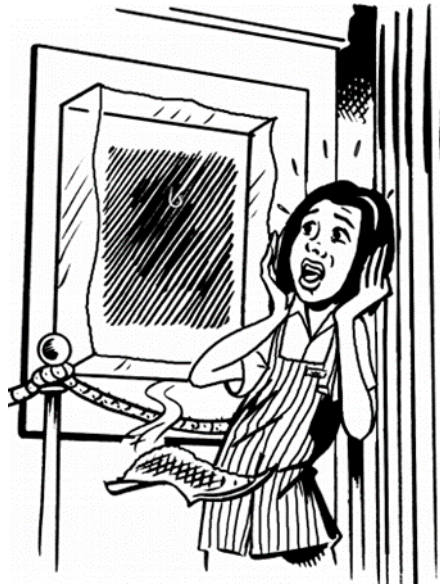
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Now check for mistakes.

Part B: Writing



Write the next part of the story of *The Theft of the Mona Lisa*.

Write in full sentences, using capital letters and full stops.

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