Literature

Task 1

Read the text below. For questions (1-5) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

JOHN KEATS

John Keats was an English poet. He published only fifty-four poems in three small books and a few magazines but had one of the most remarkable careers as a poet. He used a wide range of poetic forms including odes and sonnets.

He was born on October 31, 1795 in London, England. His father Thomas Keats died when he was just nine years old. Initially, he attended a school at Enfield which was run by John Clarke.

John Clarke's son Charles Clarke played an important role in encouraging Keats' literary aspirations.

In 1810, his mother also died and Richard Abbey was appointed as the guardian for him and his siblings. Abbey was the executor of their maternal grandmother's estate.

John Keats started his apprenticeship with a surgeon at Edmonton in 1811 but broke off in 1814. After that he moved to London and worked as a dresser for some time at Guy's and St. Thomas' hospitals. During this time, he continued his literary interests.

Keats wrote his first mature poem in 1816. It was a sonnet named as 'On First Looking into Chapman's Homer'. It was inspired by George Chapman's classic 17th-century translation of the Iliad and the Odyssey.

In March 1817, his first book got published under the name 'Poems'. His longest poems were 'Endymion' and 'Hyperion' which tell stories from ancient Greek mythology.

He only had a poetic career of five years because he died of tuberculosis at a very young age of 25 years.

He died in Rome on 23 February 1821 and was buried in Rome in a Protestant Cemetery.

His mother Frances Keats and brother Tom Keats also died of tuberculosis.

1. John Keats published ... .

A a few big books of poetry
B fifty books of short poems
C several poetry magazines
D more than fifty poems

2. John Keats ... .

A was an orphan
B became an orphan at the age of 15
C was an only child in the family
D didn't have any relatives

3. John's ... played an important role in John's development as a poet.

A mother
B father
C school headmaster
D headmaster's son

4. John's first job was ... .

A as a doctor's assistant
B as a dresser
C as a literary agent
D as a poet

5. John first wrote his developed poem in ... .

A 1810
B 1816
C 1817
D 1821

Task 2

Read the text below. For questions (1-12) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

BEST CHILDREN'S BOOKS: THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

The Chronicles of Narnia is a series of seven fantasy novels by C. S. Lewis. Written by Lewis, illustrated by Pauline Baynes, and originally published in London between 1950 and 1956, *The Chronicles of Narnia* **(1)** _____ adapted for radio, television, the stage, and film. The series **(2)** _____ in the fictional realm of Narnia, a fantasy world of magic, mythical beasts, and talking animals. It **(3)** _____ the adventures of various children who play central roles in the **(4)** _____ history of the Narnian world. **(5)** _____ in *The Horse and His Boy*, the protagonists are all children from the real world who are magically transported to Narnia, where they are sometimes called upon by the lion Aslan **(6)** _____ Narnia from evil. The books span the entire history of Narnia, from its creation in *The Magician's Nephew* to its eventual destruction in *The Last Battle*.

	A	B	C	D
1	was	has been	had been	have been
2	is set	was set	set	has been set
3	narrating	narrate	narrates	narrated
4	unfold	unfolded	was unfolding	unfolding
5	Except	Beside	However	If
6	protecting	protect	to protect	protected

The Chronicles of Narnia is considered a classic of children's literature and is the author's best-known work, **(7)** _____ over 100 million copies in 47 languages.

The Chronicles of Narnia's seven books **(8)** _____ in continuous publication since 1956 in 47 languages and with editions in Braille.

The first five books were originally published in the United Kingdom by Geoffrey Bles. The first edition of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* **(9)** _____ in London on 16 October 1950. **(10)** _____ three more books, *Prince Caspian*, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* and *The Horse and His Boy*, were already complete, they were not released immediately at that time, but instead **(11)** _____ (along with *The Silver Chair*) one **(12)** _____ a time in each of the subsequent years (1951–1954). The last two books (*The Magician's Nephew* and *The Last Battle*) were published in the United Kingdom originally by *The Bodley Head* in 1955 and 1956.

	A	B	C	D
7	sold	had sold	selling	having sold
8	have been	was	were	had been
9	were released	released	was released	had been released
10	Although	Since	Moreover	Consequently
11	appearing	appeared	have appeared	has appeared
12	in	on	at	of

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