Прочитайте текст. Ответьте на вопросы. Выберите один из предложенных вариантов ответа.

Charles Dickens is the first celebrity author in the world. He had become popular by the age of 25 and he was treated just like rock and movie stars are treated today. Everywhere he went, there were crowds of people cheering, shaking his hand, and asking for his autograph. His fans in the US even cut bits of fur from his coat for souvenirs. He was so famous that when he died at the age of 58 he was buried at Westminster Abbey.

A great novelist, short story writer, journalist, he was also an editor —and a father of 10 children!

Born in Portsmouth on the 7th of February, 1812, he was the second of eight children. When he was 10 years old his family moved to London. But there were serious money problems and his father went to prison for debt. His family later joined him. It was common in those days for the family of a debtor to live with him in prison.

Charles was taken out of school and sent to work in a blacking factory where he put labels on bottles of shoe polish. He worked long hours for very little money and lived away from his family, alone in London. Charles never forgot this. Even as a famous and successful adult, he carried a deep memory of the grief, humiliation and hopelessness he had felt.

Later, he went to school again, and left it at 15 to become a reporter. His genius for describing comical characters and his anger about social injustice were soon noticed. In 1836, he began 'The Pickwick Papers'. The book was so popular that by the age of 25 Charles was the most popular novelist in both Britain and America.

Charles Dickens' novels were funny and exciting, but they had a very serious message. He described the hard life of poor people. His stories were so powerful that Parliament sometimes passed laws to change things for the better.

London was Dickens' muse. He both loved and hated the city. When he was a boy, it filled him with horror and wonder. As a man, he regularly walked miles across the city, working out his plots. The city always inspired him.

Dickens is read and remembered today for unique characters he created. Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, Uriah Heep, Ebenezer Scrooge, and many more live in our memories as real people. When Dickens created his characters, he often ran to the mirror and acted out their movements and facial expressions. That's why they are so memorable.

32. Where did the debtor's family live?

A) Portsmouth B) factory C) at home D) prison ☐

33. What was the first Dickens' job?

A) an editor B) a reporter C) a journalist D) a worker at the factory ☐

34. The Government of Great Britain paid attention to Dickens' works because they were

A) funny B) exciting C) powerful D) popular ☐

35. What was Dickens' inspiration?

A) a muse B) London C) Parliament D) his characters ☐

36. When did Dickens die?

A) 1812 B) 1858 C) 1870 D) 1836 ☐

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