



The drafting of the texts

D Put the paragraph into the correct order to make a short biography by G. Shaw.

- 1) In 1898 Shaw married Charlotte Payne-Townshend. By this time, he had become quite a famous playwright. His plays were so clever and funny that, while watching one of them, King VII laughed so hard that he broke the chair he was sitting on! In 1912 Shaw wrote his most famous play, *Pygmalion*, and in 1938 it was turned into a film. It was very successful, and Shaw was awarded an Oscar for his screenplay. In 1925 he won the Nobel Prize for Literature and so became the first writer to win both of these distinguished awards.
- 2) Shaw wrote five novels, none of which were published. He then worked as a music and drama critic, writing reviews of plays and concerts. After this, he went on to write over 50 plays, some of which are still performed today. These include: *Widower's Houses* (1892), *Mrs Warren's Profession* (1893) and *You Never Can Tell* (1895).
- 3) Shaw died in 1950 at the age of 94, after falling from a ladder. It wasn't until after his death that the popular musical *My Fair Lady*, which was based on *Pygmalion*, was released. But even to this day, Shaw is remembered as one of the greatest playwrights of all time.
- 4) George Bernard Shaw was born in Dublin, Ireland, on 26th July 1856. He came from a middle class family and received a good education. He was educated at the Dublin English Scientific and Commercial Day School. In 1876, he moved to London to become a writer. He was fascinated by languages, English in particular.