



MID-TERM TEST - Level I - 2021

READING

Name:

Date: 29th June

"His name's Bond
... James Bond"

Mark:

Who created the character of James Bond?

The British writer Ian Fleming created James Bond in his 1953 novel *Casino Royale*. He wrote a series of books about the secret agent between 1953 and 1966. The books have sold more than 18 million copies in many different languages.

What is James Bond's code number?

His code number is 007. The prefix 00 means that James Bond is 'licensed to kill' – he can kill people if he needs to. Bond gets this code name at the start of the first novel, *Casino Royale*, when he killed his enemies. He has killed more than 150 villains since!

How does he defeat his enemies?

He uses his intelligence, strength, and high-tech weapons and devices. In the early stories these were guns or explosives that looked like everyday objects (a watch or a pen for example). In later stories the devices became more sophisticated and included X-ray glasses and a jetpack.

How many James Bond films have there been?

There have been 22 official James Bond films. The first film was *Dr. No* in 1962, starring Sean Connery. The Bond films are the second most successful series of films in the history of cinema. (The most successful is the Harry Potter series.) In fact, about half of the world's population has seen a James Bond film at the cinema, on TV, or on DVD.

How many actors have played the part of James Bond?

Six actors have played the part of James Bond. The current Bond is English actor Daniel Craig, but most people's favourite Bond is the original – Sean Connery.



1. Read the article and find these things. (4 marks)

1. James Bond's code number is
2. The name of the first James Bond film
3. The most successful series of film in the history of cinema
4. The name of the actor who plays James Bond in the most recent films

2. Read the article again. Say if these sentences are TRUE or FALSE. (6 marks)

1. James Bond has killed more than 150 villains.
2. James Bond used only everyday objects to fight his opponents in the first stories.
3. About 75% of the world population has seen a James Bond film.
4. The James Bond films can only be seen at the cinema.
5. Six actors have played the part of James Bond.
6. Most people like Daniel Craig best.