

ELF2: Lesson 63 (LITERATURE IN ACTION)
(NTB) THEME: Science and Technology

TOPIC: A Night Out by O. Henry

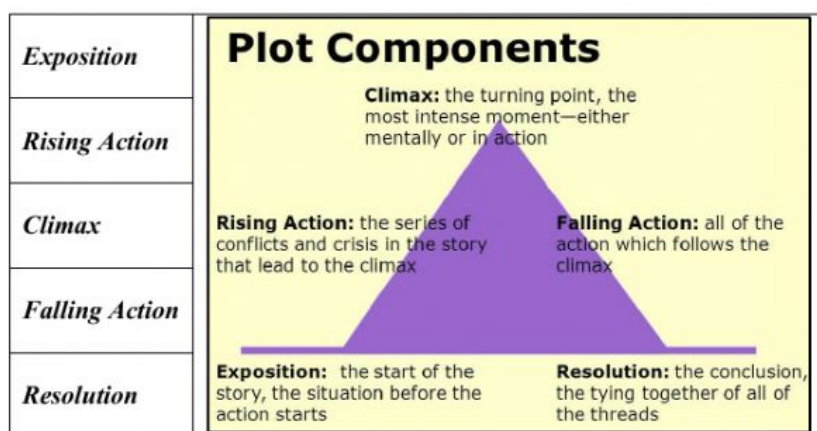
A: Complete the synopsis of the play "A Night Out" (retold by John Escott) with the words given.

office worker	eighteen	one	ten	New York	street	foot
dine	wealthy	work	disappointed	regrets	sister	marry

Towers Chandler is an _____. He is paid _____ dollars every week. He will save _____ dollar each week so that once every _____ weeks, he can afford to eat at one of the best restaurants in _____.

One evening, Chandler runs into a girl named Marian in the _____. Marian hurts her _____ so Chandler helps her up and invites her to _____ with him. During their dinner, Chandler lies to Marian and pretends to be a _____ man who does not have to _____ for a living. Marian feels very _____ when she hears it. As Chandler watches her walk away, he thinks Marian is a wonderful girl and _____ not telling her the truth.

Then, Marian told her _____, Sissie, about her experience. Although Marian is from a rich family she does not want to _____ a man who does not work for a living. So, although she likes Chandler she knows she can never love him because he does not work for a living.

B: The diagram below shows the components of a plot. Read the following plot of 'A Night Out' and label them correctly.


He runs into a shop girl and she hurt her foot. He invited her to join him for dinner while she rest her foot. She accepted and introduced herself as Miss Marian.	
Marian reaches home and tell her sister, Sissie about her experience. They talk about the type of man they will marry.	
Marian tells her sister that she will marry a hardworking man even though he is poor.	
They had a wonderful time together. Chandler pretends to be a rich man who does not have to work. The girl was disappointed. She thanks him for dinner and walks home.	
Towers Chandler is getting ready to go out and enjoy his evening.	

C: Read Scene 1 of the play 'A Night Out' and then answer the questions below.

SCENE 1 One dollar a week <i>The doorway of the house where Chandler has a room. He is dressed in his best clothes, ready for his evening out. He is going out as his friend, Jeff White, comes in.</i>	
WHITE What are you doing this evening, Towers? CHANDLER <i>(Smiling)</i> Tonight I'm going to live like a man with a million dollars! WHITE What are you talking about? You haven't got a million dollars! CHANDLER How much money are you and I paid each week, Jeff? WHITE Eighteen dollars. Why? CHANDLER And how much of that eighteen dollars do you spend each week? WHITE All of it, of course. CHANDLER Well, I don't. Each week I save one dollar out of my eighteen. Then, every ten weeks, I can buy myself an evening to remember. WHITE What do you do? CHANDLER I put on my finest clothes, go to one of the best restaurants in New York, eat the most expensive	food on the menu, drink the best wine, then take a taxi home! WHITE <i>(Very surprised)</i> Why? CHANDLER Why? Because it makes me feel wonderful to sit with some of the richest people in America, and to make them think that I'm rich, too. WHITE You're crazy! CHANDLER <i>(Laughing)</i> Perhaps I am! <i>Mrs Black comes in.</i> MRS BLACK Ah, Mr Chandler. I wanted to see you. CHANDLER Good evening, Mrs Black. What a lovely evening. MRS BLACK Lovely evening perhaps, but you haven't paid me for your room this month. When am I going to get the money? CHANDLER Soon, Mrs Black. Very soon. <i>Mrs Black looks at Chandler's clothes.</i> MRS BLACK You can spend money on expensive clothes, but you can't pay for your room. Is that right? CHANDLER <i>(Hurrying away)</i> Goodnight, Mrs Black!

1. Why is Chandler dressed in his best clothes? He is getting ready for _____.
2. How much does Chandler save his money per week? He saves _____ per week.
3. Does Jeff White save his money? _____.
4. How does Chandler plan to come home after his evening out? He plans to come home by taking _____.
5. What does Chandler want the rich people he sits with think about him? He wants them to think that he's _____ too.
6. How does Chandler feel when he sits with some of the richest people in America? He feels _____.
7. Do you agree with what Chandler is doing? Explain your answer.