

## Unit 7 The Renaissance and the Puritan Spirit

### 1. Complete the following text to the best of your understanding. Use TEXT, not numbers.

A sonnet is a type of poem containing **a** \_\_\_\_\_ lines, and with a

formal pattern of rhymes. The Shakespearean or English sonnet rhymes

**b** \_\_\_\_\_ (optional). The Shakespearean sonnet is divided into

**c** \_\_\_\_\_ quatrains, with a final **d** \_\_\_\_\_

which confirms, denies, explains the argument developed in the **e** \_\_\_\_\_

preceding lines.

\_\_\_\_\_/ 8 (10) pt.

### 2. Fill in the blanks

#### ELIZABETH: The all-round woman

Elizabeth was the most visible (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (EMBODY) of the Renaissance spirit in England. A major stateswoman, she was also an enlightened (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (PATRON) of the arts and the head of a fashionable court. Her power as a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (KING, QUEEN, ROYAL MAJESTY) inspired immense respect and she was the subject of much poetry, while (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (AUTHORS OF PLAYS) dedicated their works to her. Her education, in keeping with the times, was European and humanist. She understood (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (THE CLASSICAL LANGUAGES) and spoke several languages, including Italian. She was a lover of art and literature and was able to play musical (6) \_\_\_\_\_, sing, and dance. She wrote her own (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (TEXTS OF POETRY), (8) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORDS TO A SONG) and epigrams, and even translated classical works by Horace and Plutarch. As a stateswoman she was of great (9) \_\_\_\_\_ (INTELLIGENT). She achieved peace with Scotland, maintained peace with Wales, crushed the Spanish (10) \_\_\_\_\_ (FLEET OF WARSHIPS), kept Catholic and Protestants sufficiently happy, and provided for the poor and destitute through a national Poor Law. She also fostered advances in learning by granting official recognition to the universities of (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (THE TWO MOST PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITIES IN ENGLAND). The desire for (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (CONQUER) and achievement was the driving force of her age. This spirit was embodied by people with a lot of experience of ships and sailing, who made great voyages of exploration and trade.

\_\_\_\_\_/ 12 pt.