IELTS LEVEL 1

UNIT 8. READING PRACTICE 8.2

QUESTIONS

(Open with the reading text)

READING PASSAGE 1

You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 1-13, which are based on Reading Passage below:

JOHNSON'S DICTIONARY

Questions 1-3. Choose THREE letters A-H.

Which THREE of the following statements are true of Johnson's Dictionary?

A. It avoided all scholarly words.

B. It was the only English dictionary in general use for 200 years.

C. It was famous because of the large number of people involved.

D. It focused mainly on language from contemporary texts.

E. There was a time limit for its completion.

F. It ignored work done by previous dictionary writers.

G. It took into account subtleties of meaning.

H. Its definitions were famous for their originality.

Questions 4-7. Complete the summary. Choose NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS from the passage for each answer.

In 1764 Dr Johnson accepted the contract to produce a dictionary. Having rented a garret, he took on a number of (4) ..... who stood at a long central desk. Johnson did not have a (5) ..... available to him but eventually produced definitions of in excess of 40,000 words written down in 80 large notebooks. On publication, the Dictionary was immediately hailed in many European countries as a landmark. According to his biographer, James Boswell, Johnson's principal achievement was to bring (6) ..... to the English language. As a reward for his hard work, he was granted a (7) ..... by the king.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Questions 8-13. Do the following statements agree with the information given in the Reading Passage? Write

TRUE	**if the statement agrees with the information**
FALSE	**if the statement contradicts the information**
NOT GIVEN	**if there is no information on this**

8. The growing importance of the middle classes led to an increased demand for dictionaries.

9. Johnson has become more well known since his death.

10. Johnson had been planning to write a dictionary for several years.

11. Johnson set up an academy to help with the writing of his Dictionary.

12. Johnson only received payment for his Dictionary on its completion.

13. Not all of the assistants survived to see the publication of the Dictionary.

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