Practice 3

Questions 1 to 8 *are based on the following passage.*
Read the passage carefully and choose the **best** *answer* **A**, **B**, **C** *or* **D**.

It was a freezing cold day, a few years ago, when I stumbled upon a wallet in the street. There were no identification documents inside. There were only three dollars, and a crumpled letter that looked as if it had been carried around for years.

The only thing legible on the envelope was the return address. I opened the letter and saw that it had been written in 1924. I read it carefully, hoping to find some clues to the identity of the wallet's owner. The writer, in a delicate script, told the recipient, whose name was Michael, that her mother forbade her to see him again. Nevertheless, she would always love him. At the bottom I saw the signature of the writer – Hannah.

It was a beautifully-written letter but there was no way I could identify the owner. Then, I decided to call up the telephone records hotline to see if the operator could find the phone number for the address shown on the envelope.

The operator was kind enough to help me. He said that there was a phone number registered under the address. The operator later put me through to a woman who had bought Hannah's house 30 years ago. The woman told me that Hannah had placed her mother in a nursing home and suggested that I ask the nursing home for Hannah's whereabouts.

I called the nursing home and found out that Hannah's mother had died, and Hannah herself was now living in the nursing home. I called the nursing home and asked if I could stop by to see her. When I arrived, a guard greeted me at the gate of the nursing home. He led me to the third floor and met a nurse, who told us that Hannah was watching television.

I finally met Hannah. She was a sweet, silver-haired old lady, with a warm smile and friendly eyes that lit up her face. I told her about finding the wallet and showed her the letter. The second she saw it, she took a deep breath. She said, 'This letter was the last contact I had with Michael.' She looked away for a moment. 'He was so charming but I was only 16. My mother felt that I was too young to fall in love.'

We both laughed. The guard then left us alone. 'Yes, Michael Goldstein was his name. If you find him, tell him I still think of him often. I never did marry,' she said, smiling through tears that welled up in her eyes. '**I guess no one ever matched up to Michael.**' I thanked Hannah, said goodbye and took the lift to the first floor. As I was leaving the nursing home, the guard approached me and asked, 'Was the old lady able to help you?'

I told him that she had given me a lead. 'At least I have a last name. But I probably won't pursue it further for a while.' I explained that I had spent almost the whole day trying to find the wallet's owner. While we talked, I pulled out the brown leather wallet, with its red-lanyard lacing and showed it to the guard. He looked at it closely and said, 'Hey, that thing belongs to Michael Goldstein! He's staying on the eighth floor.'

I quickly asked the guard to take me to the eight floor. Thankfully, we found Michael reading a book. The guard asked him if he had lost his wallet and he looked up, felt his back pocket and then said, 'Goodness, it is missing.' I carefully explained to him that I had found his wallet and apologised for reading the letter. I told him that I knew where Hannah was. He called her the next day.

A few weeks later, I received a call from the guard. He told me that both Michael and Hannah were getting married. I attended the lovely wedding – a perfect ending for a love affair that had lasted nearly 60 years.

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1 We know that the narrator
A was forbidden from seeing Hannah.
B stumbled upon an envelope near a nursing home.
C called up Hannah and spoke to her on the phone.
D found three dollars and a crumpled letter in a wallet.

2 In paragraph 2, the narrator read the letter hoping
A to know the name of the recipient.
B to get information about the year 1924.
C to discover the reason of the unrequited love.
D to find some clues to the identity of the wallet's owner.

3 What had happened to Hannah's house?
A It was turned into a nursing home.
B It was still occupied by her mother.
C It was bought by a woman 30 years ago.
D It was not registered with a phone number.

4 In paragraph 5, the narrator found out that Hannah's mother
A had passed away.
B was watching television.
C had her own nurse and guard.
D was still living the nursing home.

5 In paragraph 7, what does Hannah mean when she says **'I guess no one ever matched up to Michael'**?
A Hannah never liked Michael.
B Hannah never thought of Michael.
C Hannah never kept in touch with Michael.
D Hannah never met anyone comparable to Michael.

6 What was Michael doing when the narrator saw him?
A He was looking for his wallet.
B He was calling Hannah.
C He was writing a letter.
D He was reading a book.

7 How do you think the narrator felt when he/she realised that Hannah and Michael were living in the same nursing home?
A He/she was joyful.
B He/she was tearful.
C He/she was envious.
D He/she was charmed.

8 In paragraph 10, why did the guard call the narrator?
A To narrate about the relationship between Hannah and Michael.
B To announce that Hannah and Michael were tying the knot.
C To tell the narrator about a love affair of nearly 60 years.
D To invite the narrator to a wedding.

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