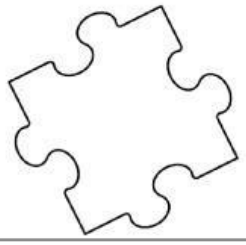
Reading Quiz – 10B Unit 1 "Stories"

Name: _____



READING 1 (Items 1-10) (10 marks)

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

When the BBC screened *Pride and Prejudice*, Jane Austen's novel, for the first time in 1995, it was watched by eighteen million people in Britain. Then it was viewed all over the world. Jane Austen herself could never have imagined this worldwide fame. Although she was very famous, she never travelled outside England.

She was born in 1775 in Hampshire on the south coast of England. She had five sisters and two brothers. Her father established a boarding school in his house. He taught English literature to boys. It is believed that Jane benefitted a lot from her father's library as she spent most of her time there reading books.

At the age of twenty, Jane began writing the *First Impressions* which was later known as *Pride and Prejudice.* This became her most popular novel. Only four of her six novels were published during her lifetime by Thomas Egerton. She died at the age of forty-one in 1817.

Two hundred years after Jane's death, her novels are famous all over the world. Some of them, have become bestsellers and have sold more than 35,000 copies a week. Jane's novels such as *Pride and Prejudice*, *Emma, Persuasion, Sense and Sensibility* and *Mansfield Park* were made into films and were awarded Oscars.

Jane's house has been turned into a museum and attracts around 200 visitors a day. There is a special website where Jane's work is discussed online by her fans from around the world.

The secret to Jane's success was her full and deep understanding of human relationships in addition to her sense of humour. This makes her works relevant even in the twenty first century.

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READING 1 (continued)

Task one: *for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

1. Jane's novels were first filmed by_____.

⬭ the BBC ⬭ Hollywood ⬭ Thomas Egerton

2. Jane decided to change the title of the *First Impressions* to _____.

⬭ Pride and Prejudice ⬭ Mansfield Park ⬭ Sense and Sensibility

3. _____ of Jane's novel were published in her lifetime.

⬭ Two ⬭ Four ⬭ six

4. Although she was famous, Jane travelled _____ in her life.

⬭ everywhere ⬭ somewhere ⬭ nowhere

5. The reason behind Jane's success was _____

⬭ her understanding of human relationships ⬭ her sense of humour ⬭ both

6. Jane died at the age of _____

⬭ 20 ⬭ 35 ⬭ 41

Task Two: *For each item, completer the missing words (not more than two words).*

7. _____ people watched *Pride and Prejudice for the first time.*

8. Her father's job was _____.

9. Jane's house became _____ which attracts many tourists every day.

10. Some of her novels have become bestsellers as they have sold thousands of copies every _____

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