Reading Passage: Jack the Ripper

In the autumn of 1888, fear spread through the streets of London's Whitechapel district. A mysterious killer, later known as Jack the Ripper, murdered several women in the area. The crimes shocked the public because they were extremely violent, and the police could not find the murderer. Even today, more than one hundred years later, the identity of Jack the Ripper remains unknown.

Most historians believe that Jack the Ripper killed at least five women between August and November 1888. The victims were poor women who worked and lived in difficult conditions. The killer attacked them late at night in dark streets or narrow alleys. Newspapers reported every detail of the murders, and many people became frightened to walk outside after sunset.

The police received hundreds of letters from people claiming to know the killer's identity. Some letters were even signed "Jack the Ripper." However, investigators could not prove whether the letters were real or written as jokes. The case became more confusing as rumors spread across the city.

Over the years, many theories have appeared about who Jack the Ripper was. Some people believed he was a doctor because of the way the victims were injured. Others thought he might have been a local worker or even a member of the royal family. Modern experts have used science and technology to study the case again, but there is still no clear answer.

The mystery of Jack the Ripper continues to interest people around the world. Books, movies, and television programs still discuss the crimes today. Although the murders happened long ago, the story remains one of history's most famous unsolved mysteries.

Part 1: True or False

Write **True (T)** or **False (F)**.

1. Jack the Ripper committed crimes in London. _____
2. The murders happened in the year 1898. _____
3. The police quickly discovered the killer's identity. _____
4. Most historians believe there were at least five victims. _____
5. The victims were wealthy women from rich families. _____
6. Many people became afraid to go outside at night. _____
7. The police never received any letters about the crimes. _____
8. Some letters were signed "Jack the Ripper." _____
9. Modern scientists have completely solved the mystery. _____
10. The story of Jack the Ripper is still popular today. _____

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Part 2: Multiple Choice

Choose the best answer.

1. Where did the murders happen? _____
   A. Paris
   B. Whitechapel
   C. New York
   D. Manchester
2. When did the crimes take place? _____
   A. 1788
   B. 1888
   C. 1988
   D. 2008
3. Why were people shocked by the crimes? _____
   A. They happened during the day
   B. They involved famous actors
   C. They were very violent
   D. They happened in schools
4. How many victims do historians usually connect to Jack the Ripper? _____
   A. Two
   B. Three
   C. Five
   D. Ten
5. When did the killer usually attack? _____
   A. Early morning
   B. Late at night
   C. During lunch
   D. In the afternoon
6. What made the case more confusing? _____
   A. Heavy rain
   B. Lack of newspapers
   C. Rumors and letters
   D. Closed streets
7. Why did some people think the killer was a doctor? _____
   A. He worked in a hospital
   B. He wore medical clothes
   C. Of the way the victims were injured
   D. He wrote medical books
8. What have modern experts used to study the case again? _____
   A. Magic
   B. Science and technology
   C. Old paintings
   D. Ancient maps
9. What is true about Jack the Ripper today? _____
   A. Everyone knows his identity
   B. The mystery has been forgotten
   C. The case is still unsolved
   D. The police closed the case in 1888
10. Why does the mystery remain famous? _____
   A. It still interests people around the world
   B. The victims became politicians
   C. London disappeared
   D. Nobody wrote about it

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