Comprehension

Task 4 - Fiction	Carefully read the passage below and answer questions 1 7 . Ensure to use complete sentences when answering questions.

The Haunted House

My wife and I were staying in an old house in the middle of the countryside. We had just gone to bed when he heard a knock at the door. I quickly went downstairs to open the door – but there was no one there. And there were no footprints in the snow!

I was nervously walking upstairs when I suddenly heard a loud scream which came from our bedroom. It was my wife! What was going on? Really worried now. I rushed frantically to the room. When I opened the bedroom door, I saw that she was reading Dracula. Obviously she was finding it completely engrossing! I laughed happily and felt relieved that nothing bad had happened.

But then I heard a terrible voice which solemnly said: "No one laughs in the house where Hannah Squire was killed". Next, the lights began to flash on and off. After that, I desperately tried to phone the police, but the line was dead and I couldn't get a signal on my mobile. Finally, I went outside to get the torch that I'd left in my car. But the car was gone!

All of a sudden, the house door closed with a loud bang. I couldn't get back in. Then my wife began to scream. But it wasn't the same scream as before. It was a dark, terrifying scream. And then someone started to laugh... a dark, terrifying laugh. And blood started to run out from under the front door...

1. Where were the persons in the story when they heard the knock on the door? (2 marks)

2. Write one transitional phrase that was used in this story. (1 mark)

   Transitional phrase: _____

3. Who do you think was speaking in the first two lines in paragraph 3? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

4. Write TWO lines that showcases the sense of sight that were mentioned in the passage. (2 marks)

   (i) _____

   (ii) _____

5. What do you think were the TWO reasons why the wife screamed? (2 marks)

   (i) _____

   (ii) _____

6. What age do you think this writer is? Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

   Age: _____

   Reason: _____

7. Explain what the writer did with the last line of the story. (2 marks)

TOTAL MARKS : 13

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