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READING TEST 2 (U5-6)- GROUP A

TOTAL: 20 POINTS

A

CHARLES DICKENS

A Read the biography. **Match** the paragraphs **1-5** to the headings **a-e**.

5 POINTS

a) EDUCATION AND WORK
b) LATER YEARS
c) ACHIEVEMENTS
d) EARLY YEARS
e) BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS: full name, date and place of birth, what the person is famous for

1 _____

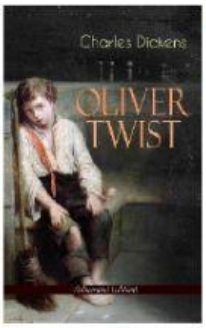
Charles Dickens is one of the most famous British authors in the world he was born in Portsmouth, England on 7 February, 1812.

2 _____

Charles was the second of eight children. As a young boy, he enjoyed reading and going to the theatre, which helped him develop his imagination. His family was very poor, so at the age of 12 he went to work at a blacking[*1] factory.

3 _____

Dickens was able to leave the factory months later. He continued his studies at the Wellington House Academy until he found a job in a lawyer's office. He taught himself shorthand[*2] and started work as a journalist at the age of sixteen. He continued to read at the library and also participated in theatre performances as an actor and stage manager.



4 _____

Dickens published many articles and sketches in magazines. Within a few years, he was considered one of the most successful authors of his time. In 1836, he married Catherine Hogarth. They had 10 children together, but finally separated in 1859. Dickens published some of his novels such as *Oliver Twist* and *Nicholas Nickleby*, in monthly instalments. He also travelled to the USA and around Europe. His travels changed his style of writing. *David Copperfield*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Great Expectations* reflect this change.

5 _____

Dickens' health got worse in the 1860s. He died on June 9, 1870. Today, Dickens is still widely read and remains one of the most popular authors off all time.

[*1] a substance used to polish shoes
[*2] a short and simple way of writing with symbols

B Read the biography again. **Complete** the table with missing information.
WRITE SHORT INFORMATION, NOT IN FULL SENTENCES!

10 POINTS

1	**Name:**	
2	**Surname:**	
3	**Profession:**	
4	**Date of birth (day/month/year):**	
5	**Place of birth (town and country):**	
6	**Number of brothers/sisters:**	
7	**Married to:**	
8	**Number of children:**	
9	**Two published novels:**	
10	**Date of death (day/month/year):**	

C Read the biography again. **Find** and **write words** from the text that match these definitions. The first and the last letter of the word, the total number of letters and the type of word can help you. **WRITE ALL THE LETTERS OF THE WORD, THE FIRST AND THE LAST LETTER TOO!**

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5 POINTS

1 the ability of the mind to be creative and form new ideas- **i _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ n (11)**
(noun)

2 a rough or unfinished drawing or painting- **a s _ _ _ _ h (6)**
(noun)

3 an act of presenting a play or a concert- **a p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ e (11)**
(noun)

4 to prepare, print and issue a book, a journal or a magazine for sale- **to p _ _ _ _ _ h (7)**
(verb)

5 to be involved or take part in something- **to p _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ e (11)**
(verb)