

## Task 2

**Read the text below. For questions (6–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D). Write your answers on the separate answer sheet.**

### What is a Ghostwriter?

A ghostwriter is a professional writer who writes stories, books, articles, web content, political speeches, or any other type of written material. The ghostwriter writes without receiving credit for the work. Famous people such as politicians, sports figures often hire ghostwriters to pen speeches, autobiographies, or other kinds of books. Some 5 people work full-time as ghostwriters, making their living creating material that will never have their byline.

Ghostwriters can write about countless topics, whether they need to write a cookbook, a thriller, or a biography. A ghostwriter may even serve as a book doctor, polishing 10 the work of another author until it is publishable. This job may not be glamorous but it pays well.

Some writers work for book packagers. Book packagers hire writers to write books from an outline or basic idea. Other writers may work for a web content company, 15 writing keyword articles that will appear on a variety of web sites.

No matter what type of ghostwriting a writer completes, she rarely has her name on the finished product. Neither does she receive royalties from her work. Instead, a ghostwriter receives a flat fee for any work completed for either a company or 20 individual.

If a writer wishes to become a ghostwriter, she is required to “audition” for a company. This involves sending a writing sample to the company seeking new ghostwriters. If the company likes the writing sample, it will add the writer to its list of ghostwriters. 25 Immediate work may be available for ghostwriters of web content. A writer who works for a book packager may need to wait until the packager has an opportunity that fits the writer’s expertise or experience.

Ghostwriters must be excellent writers and have the ability to write quickly. They 30 must be willing to remain hidden from the public eye, allowing celebrities or famous authors to take *credit* for the written work. Whether they are provided with a detailed outline, interview a person about his life, or write a book based on a general idea, ghostwriters are required to write quality material while staying out of the public eye.

6 According to paragraph 1, working as a ghostwriter involves all of the following EXCEPT \_\_\_\_\_?

A fitting into a specific literary genre  
B remaining an anonymous author  
C being employed by the politicians  
D being engaged on a regular basis

7 Which of the following is stated in paragraph 2 about ghostwriters?

A They find clients themselves.  
B They restore damaged texts.  
C They write reviews of stories.  
D They make good money.

8 Ghostwriters are expected \_\_\_\_\_.

A to take a special course  
B to be capable of working fast  
C to be experts in web site design  
D to have experience in publishing

9 The word “*credit*” in line 31 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

A trust  
B money  
C recognition  
D responsibility

10 What is **TRUE** according to the text?

A Ghostwriters have to pass an interview to get a job.  
B Ghostwriters are in demand with on-line companies.  
C Ghostwriters are involved in designing book wrappers.  
D Ghostwriters are required to use their pen-names.