

1. 1) Read the text about Arthur Conan Doyle. State if the sentences are T or F (...../5 points)

Arthur Conan Doyle was born in Edinburgh on May 22, 1859. He studied medicine at Edinburgh University, and as a student, he began writing short stories. He became a doctor in the south of England. In his free time, he began writing stories about a very smart detective, Sherlock Holmes. Conan Doyle based Holmes's personality on one of his university professors.



The Sherlock Holmes stories soon became very popular, but in 1893, Conan Doyle became tired of his detective, and decided to "kill" him. Finally, in 1901, Conan Doyle brought him back in a new story, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. He explained that Holmes did not die in the Reichenbach Falls, but miraculously survived. Conan Doyle died on July 7, 1930, but Sherlock Holmes continues to live both in the stories and in many movie versions. Recently, he was the inspiration for the character Dr. Gregory House in the TV series House, MD.

- a. Arthur Conan Doyle was a smart detective. _____
- b. Holmes's personality was similar to Conan Doyle's personality. _____
- c. Holmes died in 1893. _____
- d. Conan was worried about Sherlock Holmes so he killed the character. _____
- e. Sherlock Holmes was the inspiration for a character on TV. _____

2) Imagine you are talking to Arthur. Write questions to complete the dialogue (...../3 points)

a) you /tired/ of your character

_____? Yes, _____.

b) Sherlock Holmes/ a good detective

_____? Yes, _____.

c) readers/ sad/ when they discovered Holmes was alive

_____? No, _____.

3) Read the following description about Sherlock Holmes's best friend. Complete the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses (...../5 points)

John H. Watson _____ (be) a fictional character in Holmes's stories by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. He _____ (like) reading books, studying and playing golf. Dr. Watson _____ (study) in London. At war, got shot so he went back to England. He received a pension because he couldn't work anymore. He _____ (move) to Holmes's apartment in 1881. They became close friends, and their adventure _____ (start) there.

4) Answer the questions about you. / 2 marks.

- a) **What** was the weather like yesterday? _____.
- b) **Who** was your English teacher last year _____.
- c) **When** were you born? _____.
- d) **Where** were you last Wednesday at this time? _____.

TOTAL SCORE/ 15 MARKS

