

Přečtěte si článek o Josephu Merrickovi, který je známý jako „The Elephant Man“. Na základě textu **vyberte** k úlohám **49–63** vždy jednu správnou odpověď **A–C**.

The Elephant Man

This is the true story of the life of Joseph Merrick who (49) _____ for two things: the disease which made his appearance disgusting to most people; and his gentle personality.

Joseph was born in England (50) _____ 5th August, 1862. At first, he seemed to be a normal baby, but at the age of 21 months, strange growths¹ appeared on his body. No one knew (51) _____ this happened but his mother thought it was because a circus elephant had frightened her during her pregnancy². (52) _____ her opinion, this caused the boy to grow ugly, big and wrinkled, like an elephant.

Joseph's mother didn't care about her son's appearance and treated him like her (53) _____ children. Unfortunately, she died and Joseph's father soon married a young widow (54) _____ hated Joseph for his looks. So when he reached the age of fifteen, Joseph decided (55) _____ from home. He was selling stockings and gloves in the street for a living but because of his deformed lips, the customers (56) _____ hardly understand his speech. They often thought he was an imbecile, but in fact, Joseph was extremely intelligent. By that time, he only had a little bit of hair and kept losing it until he was almost bald. Also, the growths on his body got larger and people in the street were afraid (57) _____ him.

One day, Joseph met Mr. Torr, a comedian, who offered him (58) _____ job in Sam Roper's circus. Joseph, or 'The Elephant Man', as Mr. Torr started to call him, became a new attraction in his 'freak³ and monster show'. But before long, people stopped thinking it was funny to see human beings like this and asked the police (59) _____ the show.

When the last performance was held, a young doctor, Frederick Treves, visited Joseph. He was very (60) _____ in Joseph's sickness and examined him carefully. He wanted to (61) _____ doctors about this strange human being and brought Joseph to the hospital. Although Joseph rarely left the hospital, these were the happiest days of his life. Dr. Treves visited him every day and they (62) _____ best friends. Unfortunately, the doctor (63) _____ there was no cure or medicine for Joseph's disease and Joseph died peacefully in his sleep when he was only 27.

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¹ growth: výrůstek

² pregnancy: těhotenství

³ freak: podivín

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| 49 | A) is remembering | B) is remembered | C) remembers |
| 50 | A) on | B) in | C) at |
| 51 | A) what | B) because | C) why |
| 52 | A) From | B) In | C) By |
| 53 | A) other | B) others | C) another |
| 54 | A) whose | B) which | C) who |
| 55 | A) running away | B) to run away | C) run away |
| 56 | A) were able | B) should | C) could |
| 57 | A) from | B) of | C) at |
| 58 | A) --- | B) the | C) a |
| 59 | A) closing down | B) to close down | C) close down |
| 60 | A) interest | B) interested | C) interesting |
| 61 | A) tell | B) speak | C) say |
| 62 | A) started | B) became | C) did |
| 63 | A) produced | B) studied | C) discovered |

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