

You are going to read an extract from an article. Pay attention to the **words in bold**. For questions 1 to 8, choose the correct answer **A, B, C or D**.

In the **small town of Willow Heights**, where **residents were close-knit**, Officer Michael Thompson **had worked most of his life**. Despite the peace of the community, he had always been troubled by the unsolved case of **the three missing girls** from 1978. After school, *they* vanished without a trace after school, **leaving behind distraught families** and a community that would never be the same again. The girls were Sarah Miller, Emily Davis, and Rebecca Turner.

To Officer Thompson, no case was solved until it was proven. One summer day in 2008, he heard **a sudden yet weird incident in the town**. **Three girls-with the same names as those from 1978 had disappeared**. This chilling coincidence sent shivers down his spine. As the news spread like wildfire across town, **its residents suffered into a widespread worry**. **Speculation were added by rumours of an evil entity** with a link to the long-unsolved case.

Officer Thompson was eager to reopen the unsolved 1978 cold case to uncover the truth and bring closure to them. He searched through **old pictures, police reports, and witness testimonies** as he went through **dusty files**. **In order to save the town from the rumours, he became more and more fixated on investigating** the mystery. The lives of the missing girls were investigated to see if there were any **connections between them in the past and present**. He spoke with friends, relatives, and colleagues from the 1978 case in an effort to **find any missed signs**. Each interaction revealed secrets of the peaceful town.

Eventually, his investigation led to the humble Mrs. Eleanor Collins, a retired teacher from Willow Heights Elementary. Mrs. Collins remembered **a little detail that had been overlooked as unimportant in 1978- a strange symbol cut into the wooden surface of one of the missing girls' desks**. The symbol showed a **striking similarity to the ones found at strange locations recently**.

Mrs. Collins' memory was too significant as it **caused a major change in the investigation**. Officer Thompson learned that the disappearances were not one-off instances, **but rather a part of a frightening pattern**. Numerous secrets— **an organisation engaged in spiritual and evil rituals, functioning within the town—started to come to light**. Willow Heights **was invaded with an evil power involving children** and the tragic cycle kept going.

With this newly acquired information, **Officer Thompson discovered that the disappearances were a part of a ritual sacrifice needed to maintain the authority of the evil force**. Three girls from 1978 and their modern-day replacements were no coincident events. **The hidden headquarters, housed in an abandoned factory, had been discovered by the police. They broke into the building with a group of residents, and to their astonishment, found the girls there, bound to a huge concrete pole. When the cult members realised they were the targets of the raid; they had little choice but to turn themselves in.**

The girls were injured, **but thankfully alive** and the town's residents **successfully eliminated the cult**. But those who had seen the horrors within **the peaceful community would remember it for the rest of their lives**. Officer Thompson had then left the police force, as **his life was permanently affected by the case**.

- 1 In paragraph 1, what does 'they' refer to?
 - A The disappeared girls
 - B The police of Willow Heights
 - C The families of the missing girls
 - D The community in Willow Heights
- 2 Why did the residents of Willow Heights become concerned?
 - A They heard the rumours in town.
 - B They were worried about a criminal.
 - C They heard the news of the unsolved case.
 - D They heard a report about three missing girls.
- 3 How did Officer Thompson begin his investigation?
 - A He looked for old photos.
 - B He went to meet the witness.
 - C He browsed the unsolved case files.
 - D He read through the previous police reports.
- 4 Officer Thompson was determined to solve the case because he
 - A was obsessed with the mystery.
 - B wanted to protect the residents.
 - C missed some clues from the previous case.
 - D knew the relationship between both cases.
- 5 What did Mrs. Collins tell Officer Thompson?
 - A The symbol she saw in 1978.
 - B She overlooked an important sign.
 - C Everything that was happening in 1978.
 - D An unusual symbol on the girls' school desks.
- 6 What did Officer Thompson discover after Mrs. Collins' testimony?
 - A New leads for his investigation.
 - B An established secret organisation in town.
 - C Invasion of an evil secret organisation in town.
 - D The girls' disappearances were unrelated to the 1978 incident.
- 7 How was the location of the missing girls found?
 - A Willow Heights residents stormed the factory.
 - B The organisation members turned themselves in.
 - C Officer Thompson confronted the members alone.
 - D Police Department located the organisation's headquarters.
- 8 What happened after the latest incident in Willow Heights?
 - A The organisation was abolished.
 - B Officer Thompson became a hero.
 - C The girls moved on with their lives.
 - D The residents were forever scarred.