

## WICKED AND HUMOROUS TALES: IN A NUTSHELL

1- Choose the correct answers A, B, C, or D

### The Open Window

- 1 Framton's sister thought Framton should meet Mrs Sappleton and her family because
- A ☐ he should not be alone while he rested in the country.
  - B ☐ she thought Mrs Sappleton needed company after her tragedy.
  - C ☐ she thought Framton would enjoy Vera's amusing stories.
  - D ☐ she thought Framton would enjoy hunting with Mrs Sappleton's brothers and husband.
- 2 Vera told her aunt and uncle that Framton ran away because
- A ☐ he was afraid of their dog.
  - B ☐ he had to go to the doctor.
  - C ☐ he had thought that her uncles were ghosts.
  - D ☐ he did not like being with a lot of people in one room.

### The Penance

- 1 Octavian thought that the children's cat had killed the chickens because
- A ☐ cats had killed his chickens before.
  - B ☐ he saw the cat with feathers in its mouth.
  - C ☐ he saw the cat with blood around its mouth.
  - D ☐ he saw the cat walking around the coop.
- 2 Octavian was very happy when he received the message 'Un-Beast' from the children because
- A ☐ it meant that they would hurt Olivia again.
  - B ☐ he did not have to do any more strange penances.
  - C ☐ he really cared about the children's feelings so he was happy that they had finally forgiven him.
  - D ☐ it meant that he would not have to buy them any more chocolates.

## Morlvera

- 1 Emmeline got her ideas about Morlvera from
  - A ☐ her own vivid imagination.
  - B ☐ what she had read about in newspapers.
  - C ☐ what she had read about in romantic novels.
  - D ☐ what she had heard about in romantic novels.
  
- 2 Emmeline imagined that Victor was
  - A ☐ the rich lord in love with Morlvera.
  - B ☐ Morlvera's son.
  - C ☐ Morlvera's cousin.
  - D ☐ an actor from a film.

## Sredni Yashtar

- 1 Every Thursday Conradin
  - A ☐ went to Mrs De Ropp's church.
  - B ☐ worshipped his god with flowers and fruit.
  - C ☐ brought his god nutmeg.
  - D ☐ played in the garden with his hen.
  
- 2 How did Conradin's way of worshipping his god change when Mrs De Ropp took away his hen?
  - A ☐ He started bringing it red fruit and flowers on Thursdays.
  - B ☐ He started asking it for a favour instead of just praising it.
  - C ☐ He started bringing it nutmeg when it did him a favour.
  - D ☐ He started singing hymns to it.

## Tobermory

- 1 When Cornelius announced his great scientific discovery the other guests thought that
  - A ☐ he was a liar or crazy.
  - B ☐ he was a great scientist.
  - C ☐ he was making fun of them.
  - D ☐ he was the most entertaining guest at the house-party.
- 2 How did Tobermory die?
  - A ☐ Sir Wilfrid drowned him.
  - B ☐ Mrs Blemley poisoned him.
  - C ☐ The gardener killed him.
  - D ☐ The tomcat killed him.

## The Interlopers

- 1 The fight between Ulrich's family and Georg's family began because
  - A ☐ their grandfathers had claimed the same piece of land.
  - B ☐ their grandfathers had hated each other passionately as children.
  - C ☐ Ulrich would not let Georg hunt on his land.
  - D ☐ Georg would not let Ulrich hunt on his land.
- 2 Which sentence best summarises the story?
  - A ☐ Hurting others we hurt ourselves.
  - B ☐ Don't trust anybody.
  - C ☐ Hate never really dies.
  - D ☐ A civilised man always does the right thing.

2- Below are some quotations from some of the characters of all six stories. Match them to the characters **who** said them and then match them to the reasons **why** they said them. Write the letter that represents each character in the spaces in the first column and the letter of the reason why in the second. Be careful! There may be more than one quotation from each character.

### Who

Tobermory (T)

Victor (Vi)

Mrs De Ropp (DR)

Emmeline (E)

Octavian (O)

Vera (Ve)

Georg (G)

### What

Who Why

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1. Do you like flowers?

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2. I thought you liked toast.

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3. A fat little girl of eleven.

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4. Possibly, but only one liver.

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5. Do you know many of the people round here?

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6. Now that is real justice.

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7. I think he ran away because he saw the dog.

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8. She is a bad one and her husband hates her.

### Why

- He/she is inventing the character of someone or something.
- He/she is trying to make peace with others.
- He/she is expressing his/her happiness at seeing his/her enemy in a difficult situation.
- He/she is telling lies.
- He/she is telling someone why he/she doesn't want to eat.
- He/she is commenting on why another person doesn't want to eat.
- He/she is trying to see if he/she can invent one of his/her stories.
- He/she is talking about someone he/she knows.