

LENGUA EXTRANJERA: INGLÉS (5 marks)

READING: read the document and answer the questions (2 marks).

AGATHA CHRISTIE

Dame Agatha Mary Clarissa Christie DBE (15 September 1890 – 12 January 1976) was an English writer of crime stories. Her books are very famous all over the world, and she sold more than 4 billion books around the world. Only William Shakespeare has sold more books. Her stories are about murders and finding out who committed them. It is hard to find the guilty person. There is a detective who tries to catch the murderer. People like reading her books because they can try to find the answer too. The most **well-known** characters in her books are Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot. Miss Marple is an old English lady, and she talks to everyone. People do not think she is smart, but she always finds the murderer. She uses logic to find out who is **guilty** of the murder. Hercule Poirot is a strange man, a private detective from Belgium who lives in London. He likes to find out who committed the murder by thinking about all the evidence. The stories of Poirot and Miss Marple were made into many TV shows and movies.

Christie was born in Torquay in Devon, England. She did not go to school. She had lessons from her mother at home. Her mother thought children should not learn to read until they were eight years old. But Christie learned how to read **by herself** when she was four. She read many books, so she learned to become a good writer. She later became a very good pianist and singer, too. She was married twice; she had a daughter called Rosalind Hicks. She worked in a hospital and in a pharmacy during World War I.

She also wrote romance novels and plays. They were very successful too. Her stage play *The Mousetrap* is the longest running play in history. It was first performed in 1952 and after a record 23,000 performances it is still running today.

In 1971, she was honoured by the Queen with the title “Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire”.

The Guinness Book of World Records ranks Christie as the best-selling novelist ever. Her novels have sold about 4 billion copies. Her works are the world's most-widely published books after those of William Shakespeare and the Bible. Her books have been translated into **at least** 103 languages. Christie's best-selling novel is *And Then There Were None*. It has sold 100 million copies. It is the world's best-selling mystery novel.

Adapted from: https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agatha_Christie

a) Circle True or False, according to the information given in the text. (1mark)

- Bookshops have sold more books written by Agatha Christie than written by Shakespeare. TRUE / FALSE
- Many of Agatha Christie's books have been taken to the small and big screens. TRUE / FALSE
- As well as a novelist, Christie was also a playwright. TRUE / FALSE
- People all over the world can read Christie's books, as they have been translated into more than a hundred languages. TRUE / FALSE

b) Answer these questions about the text (0,5 marks):

α) Who is Hercule Poirot and what does he do to discover who the murderer is?

β) Who taught Agatha Christie how to read?

c) Match up words from the text with their definition (0'5 marks):

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| 3. well-known | 1. on her own |
| 4. guilty | 2. no less than |
| 5. by herself | 3. famous |
| 6. at least | 4. to blame |

GRAMMAR IN USE (1'5 marks)

- You _____ park here! It's forbidden! Look, it's a bus stop!
a) can b) can't c) should d) needn't
- It's 3 o'clock now and the Wilsons are in their living room. Mrs Wilson _____ the newspaper.
a) is reading b) reads c) read d) are going to read
- 'When _____?' 'About an hour ago. We are really tired from the trip.'
a) do you arrive b) are you arriving c) has you arrived d) did you arrive
- _____ in the south of Spain in winter?
a) Do it rain b) Do it rains c) Does it rain d) rains it
- '_____ been to New Zealand?' 'No, she's never been there.'
a) Did she ever b) Have she ever c) Has she ever d) Does she ever
- I can't read _____ the car or _____ the bus. I get travel sick.
a) in / on b) on / in c) by / by d) at / at
- My grandmother died when she _____ ninety-five years old.
a) had b) is c) has d) was
- It is the _____ garage in the city.
a) baddest b) worst c) worse d) most bad

9. If you don't learn how to drive on the left, you _____ problems driving in England.

- a) will have b) are having c) has d) are going have

10. He _____ his report when his computer crashed.

- a) finish b) finishes c) were finishing d) was finishing

11. ' _____ did you go to New Orleans?' 'Last summer. I had a great time going to jazz concerts.'

- a) Where b) When c) Why d) What

12. He wants to pass his exams but he doesn't like _____.

- a) study b) studing c) studying d) studies

11. WRITING (1'5 marks): write a short text of about 80 words. Choose ONE of the following:

- a) Write about a book you have read or a series / movie you have watched and you really enjoyed.
- b) Write about a writer you really like.

Write your composition here: