

Task 1 Choose the correct answer.

1) In which age people started to relish a new type of murder?

- a) Edwardian age
- b) Victorian age
- c) Elizabethan age

2) What Newspapers did people want to read according to Orwell?

- a) They want to read about inventions
- b) They want to read about medicine.
- c) They want to read about a murder.

3) What was the name of the pub where John Parsons Cook died?

- a) Talbot arms
- b) Talbot legs
- c) Legs and Arms

4) Who said that: "When a doctor does go wrong, he's first of criminals".

- a) Sherlock Holmes
- b) Agatha Christie
- c) Charles Dickens

5) How many witnesses did Palmer have in court?

- a) 66
- b) 16
- c) 60

6) Who published in 1850 a whole series of articles about the detectives for middle-class readers?

- a) Charles Dickens
- b) Arthur Conan Doyle
- c) Oskar Wilde

7) What case seized Britain's attention in 1861?

- a) The invention of the time machine
- b) A dreadful incident in the Wiltshire village of Rode
- c) The appearance of the family of wizards

Task 2 Say whether the statement is true or false

1. The first clue was the clue of the blanket-from the boy's bed.

2. The local police, though, failed to find enough evidence to prosecute her.

3. Mr Whicher believed that the missing nightdress was the key to the whole thing.
4. The nightdress's owner, Constance, who was only 60 years old became his prime suspect.
5. The murder of Francis Saville Kent spelled the end of the police detective as hero.
6. Without the cigar, the moonstone diamond would never have been stolen.
7. The local police fail and puts the finger of blame on Betteredge.
8. There are things in the Moonstone that later become fixtures of the genre.
9. The Moonstone was part of a new wave of writing in the 1860s known at the time as "sensation fiction".
10. The Queen of sensation fiction was Mary Elizabeth Braddon.
11. It was nearly 80 different novels that she wrote and all of them were published.
12. She was only writing for the middle classes.
13. You don't get a great difference in the detectives.
14. Both books are called The Female Detective.

Task 3 Fill in the gaps

In 1888, there was a series of _____ murders in Whitechapel. These unsolved crimes would grip the _____, and even a century later, we're still addicted. The uncaptured killer would become the 19th century's most _____ murderer. The image of this killer is strangely intertwined with that of Mr Hyde. The murder of the _____, Martha Tabram, in the East End, which some considered to be the first of this group of crimes, took place just two days after Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde began its West End run. Over the next two months, _____ more women were killed in truly horrifying ways.

And if even an _____ doctor could harbour the brutal instincts of the psychopath, anybody walking the streets was in danger. The serial killer could be anywhere. The fear and _____ escalated when a letter arrived at the offices of the Central News Agency. It began, "Dear Boss," and it went on to mock the police, who couldn't catch the murderer. It was signed _____, introducing, for the first time, an irresistibly catchy name. In fact, the whole thing became something of a theatrical event for _____ Londoners, and an interactive one, too. Once again, ordinary people started writing in to newspapers and the police. But this time, they didn't just suggest _____. They sent letters purporting to be from the Ripper himself. Now, why would you pretend to be _____?

Keys

Task 1

1. B

2. C

3. A

4. A

5. C

6. A

7. B

Task 2

1. T

2. T

3. T

4. F

5. T

6. T

7. F

8. T

9. T

10. T

11. F

12. F

13. F

14. F

Task 3

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And if even an honourable doctor could harbour the brutal instincts of the psychopath, anybody walking the streets was in danger. The serial killer could be anywhere. The fear and excitement escalated when a letter arrived

at the offices of the Central News Agency. It began, "Dear Boss," and it went on to mock the police, who couldn't catch the murderer. It was signed Jack the Ripper, introducing, for the first time, an irresistibly catchy name. In fact, the whole thing became something of a theatrical event for Victorian Londoners, and an interactive one, too. Once again, ordinary people started writing in to newspapers and the police. But this time, they didn't just suggest solutions. They sent letters purporting to be from the Ripper himself. Now, why would you pretend to be Jack the Ripper?