

Dead Man's Money

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1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a ___ Joe and Eddie are writers.
- b ___ Cal and Wilma take thousands of dollars from a bank.
- c ___ Eddie's share of the money is \$3,000.
- d ___ Blanche usually drives fast.
- e ___ Eddie wants an expensive cabin.
- f ___ Cal gets \$3,000 for his story.
- g ___ Eddie puts his money under the cabin floor.
- h ___ Cal finds Eddie's red mask.
- i ___ Wilma knows about cars and brakes.
- j ___ In the end, Wilma gets the money.

20 marks

2 Who says this? Who do they say it to? *Cal, Joe, Blanche, Wilma, Eddie.*

- a 'Phone us in two or three weeks. We're going to stay with Blanche's mother.'
..... to
- b 'You've got a cabin near the lake. They're too expensive for me.'
..... to
- c 'Can I move into Mr Collins' cabin?'
..... to
- d 'I write stories sometimes. Maybe you can help me?'
..... to
- e 'Oh, no! There's no gas!'
..... to

20 marks

3 Fill in the gaps using these words: *fast, rents, bank, share, lake, driver, expensive, best, robbers, counts.*

Joe and Eddie are bank They take nine thousand dollars from a Joe's girlfriend Blanche is their She always drives Later, Eddie his money. His is three thousand dollars. He

..... a car and goes to the Blue Lake Cabins. He stays in the cabin. It's near the Cal likes the cabin, but it's too for him.

20 marks

4 Complete the sentences. Match a number from A with a letter from B.

A

- 1 ___ Joe, Eddie and Blanche are ...
- 2 ___ Cal is staying in a cabin ...
- 3 ___ Eddie wants to stay ...
- 4 ___ Eddie's car goes off the road ...
- 5 ___ Cal finds a lot of money ...

B

- a ... in the rain.
- b ... under the floor.
- c ... in Wilma's best cabin.
- d ... the Red Mask Gang.
- e ... for the summer.

20 marks

5 Put the following events in the story in the right order. Number them 1-10.

- a ___ Cal finds Eddie's money.
- b ___ Blanche and Joe drive away in Cal's car.
- c ___ Joe and Eddie take \$9,000 from a bank.
- d ___ Eddie puts his money under the floor.
- e ___ Blanche and Joe drive to the Blue Lake Cabins.
- f ___ Eddie has an accident and dies.
- g ___ Blanche and Joe take the money from Cal.
- h ___ Eddie goes to the Blue Lake Cabins.
- i ___ Blanche and Joe die in an accident.
- j ___ Cal moves into Eddie's cabin.

20 marks

Total marks

Setting

Choose the best answer.

- 1 The story happens in _____.
a ☐ 2001 b ☐ 1891 c ☐ 1931 d ☐ 2021
- 2 The story happens in _____.
a ☐ the United States b ☐ Japan
c ☐ the United Kingdom d ☐ Brazil
- 3 Joe, Eddie and Blanche are called the Red _____ Gang.
a ☐ Hair b ☐ Shoes c ☐ Coat d ☐ Mask
- 4 The robbers take _____ dollars from a bank.
a ☐ 19,000 b ☐ 3,000 c ☐ 9,000 d ☐ 900
- 5 After the robbery, Blanche and Joe stay _____.
a ☐ in a cabin b ☐ with Blanche's mother
c ☐ in a hotel d ☐ with Joe's brother
- 6 Eddie goes to the _____ Cabins.
a ☐ Blue Lake b ☐ Red Sea
c ☐ White Water d ☐ Big Pacific
- 7 Eddie's share of the money is _____ dollars.
a ☐ 9,000 b ☐ 300 c ☐ 1,000 d ☐ 3,000
- 8 Eddie _____ a car and drives out of town.
a ☐ buys b ☐ makes c ☐ takes d ☐ rents
- 9 Eddie wants to stay in Wilma's _____ cabin.
a ☐ oldest b ☐ best c ☐ cheapest
d ☐ worst
- 10 Eddie's name is Edward _____.
a ☐ Pinch b ☐ Blanche c ☐ Collins
d ☐ Dexter

20 marks

Characters

Choose the best answer.

- 11 Blanche is _____ girlfriend.
a ☐ Joe's b ☐ a policeman's c ☐ Eddie's
d ☐ Cal's
- 12 Cal Dexter is a _____.
a ☐ teacher b ☐ policeman c ☐ doctor
d ☐ writer
- 13 Wilma Pinch usually has _____ to rent.
a ☐ cars b ☐ cabins c ☐ planes
d ☐ bicycles
- 14 Joe and Eddie are _____.
a ☐ policemen b ☐ robbers c ☐ singers
d ☐ writers
- 15 _____ is the driver for the Red Mask Gang.
a ☐ Joe b ☐ Wilma c ☐ Cal d ☐ Blanche
- 16 Wilma Pinch is interested in Eddie's _____.
a ☐ friends b ☐ car c ☐ money
d ☐ clothes
- 17 Some policemen come to the cabins because _____ is dead.
a ☐ Eddie b ☐ Blanche c ☐ Wilma
d ☐ Cal
- 18 Wilma finds _____ red mask.
a ☐ Blanche's b ☐ a policeman's
c ☐ Eddie's d ☐ Cal's
- 19 Wilma cuts the brakes on _____ car.
a ☐ Cal's b ☐ Blanche's c ☐ Eddie's
d ☐ a policeman's
- 20 Blanche always drives _____.
a ☐ carefully b ☐ fast c ☐ at night
d ☐ slowly

20 marks

Dialogue

Who said this?

- 21 'We're going to stay with Blanche's mother.'
a ☐ Eddie b ☐ Cal c ☐ Wilma d ☐ Joe
- 22 'I want your best cabin for a week or two.'
a ☐ Eddie b ☐ Cal c ☐ a policeman
d ☐ Wilma
- 23 'You've got a cabin near the lake. They're too expensive for me.'
a ☐ Wilma b ☐ Eddie c ☐ Cal
d ☐ Blanche
- 24 'The young man is dead.'
a ☐ Cal b ☐ a policeman c ☐ Wilma
d ☐ Blanche
- 25 'I got two hundred dollars for my story!'
a ☐ Cal b ☐ Eddie c ☐ Blanche
d ☐ Wilma
- 26 'OK, but it's another twenty dollars a week.'
a ☐ Cal b ☐ a policeman c ☐ Wilma
d ☐ Joe
- 27 'Can I come in? I need to look for something.'
a ☐ Blanche b ☐ a policeman c ☐ Cal
d ☐ Wilma
- 28 'I write stories sometimes. Maybe you can help me?'
a ☐ Eddie b ☐ Cal c ☐ Wilma
d ☐ Blanche
- 29 'There are no brakes!'
a ☐ a policeman b ☐ Blanche c ☐ Eddie
d ☐ Cal
- 30 'A dead man's money!'
a ☐ Cal b ☐ Blanche c ☐ a policeman
d ☐ Joe

20 marks

Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

- 31 something to put over your face, so that people do not know you
a ☐ lake b ☐ mask c ☐ share d ☐ cabin
- 32 a big area of water
a ☐ cabin b ☐ lake c ☐ story d ☐ gang
- 33 a building to put your money in
a ☐ newspaper b ☐ gang c ☐ bank
d ☐ accident
- 34 something bad that happens
a ☐ thousand b ☐ share c ☐ accident
d ☐ lake
- 35 a small house
a ☐ cabin b ☐ lake c ☐ bank d ☐ bag
- 36 you put this in a car to make it go
a ☐ mask b ☐ brake c ☐ rain d ☐ gas
- 37 to pay money to use something
a ☐ move b ☐ rent c ☐ count d ☐ read
- 38 somebody who takes something that is not theirs
a ☐ robber b ☐ singer c ☐ driver
d ☐ writer
- 39 something that can hurt or kill you
a ☐ beautiful b ☐ fast c ☐ easy
d ☐ dangerous
- 40 a group of people who do bad things
a ☐ dollars b ☐ accident c ☐ gang
d ☐ share

20 marks

Plot

Choose the best answer.

- 41 Eddie's car goes _____.
a ☐ into another car b ☐ off the road
c ☐ into a house d ☐ into a tree
- 42 Cal gets two hundred dollars for his _____.
a ☐ car b ☐ mask c ☐ story d ☐ bag
- 43 After Eddie dies, Cal has Eddie's _____.
a ☐ clothes b ☐ bag c ☐ car d ☐ cabin
- 44 Cal finds lots of _____ in Eddie's cabin.
a ☐ money b ☐ food c ☐ paper
d ☐ people
- 45 Wilma finds Eddie's money when Cal is _____.
a ☐ at the bank b ☐ in his car
c ☐ on the lake d ☐ at his mother's house
- 46 Blanche and Joe hear about Eddie's accident _____.
a ☐ on the radio b ☐ from Wilma
c ☐ on television d ☐ from the police
- 47 Blanche and Joe come to the cabins and take the money from _____.
a ☐ Wilma b ☐ Cal c ☐ a policeman
d ☐ Eddie
- 48 Blanche and Joe leave in Cal's car, because there's no _____ in their car.
a ☐ milk b ☐ gas c ☐ money d ☐ water
- 49 Blanche has an accident in Cal's car because _____.
a ☐ it is raining b ☐ she can't see
c ☐ she is tired d ☐ there are no brakes
- 50 In the end, _____ gets the money.
a ☐ Cal b ☐ Blanche c ☐ nobody
d ☐ Wilma

20 marks

Total marks