

# 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.

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

20 marks

## Characters

Choose the best answer.

- Blanche is \_\_\_\_\_ girlfriend.  
a  Joe's b  a policeman's c  Eddie's  
d  Cal's
- Cal Dexter is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  teacher b  policeman c  doctor  
d  writer
- Wilma Pinch usually has \_\_\_\_\_ to rent.  
a  cars b  cabins c  planes  
d  bicycles
- Joe and Eddie are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  policemen b  robbers c  singers  
d  writers
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the driver for the Red Mask Gang.  
a  Joe b  Wilma c  Cal d  Blanche
- Wilma Pinch is interested in Eddie's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  friends b  car c  money  
d  clothes
- Some policemen come to the cabins because \_\_\_\_\_ is dead.  
a  Eddie b  Blanche c  Wilma  
d  Cal
- Wilma finds \_\_\_\_\_ red mask.  
a  Blanche's b  a policeman's  
c  Eddie's d  Cal's
- Wilma cuts the brakes on \_\_\_\_\_ car.  
a  Cal's b  Blanche's c  Eddie's  
d  a policeman's
- 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**