

Practice Test Fourteen

PAPER 3 USE OF ENGLISH

Time: 2 hours

Section A

1. Fill each of the numbered blanks in the following passage. Use only **one** word in each space.

Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809 - 1892) is regarded (1) one of the great English poets and a powerful voice from the Victorian Age. Born the (2) of a parson, he (3) Trinity College, Cambridge, winning a medal for his poetry. However, his (4) published work, (5) the age of twenty one, attracted (6) attention from the public and it was not until twelve years (7) that a third volume, "Poems", was to (8) him the recognition he deserved. Many of those poems from his youth are (9) among his most famous. (10) the death of William Wordsworth in 1850, Tennyson had (11) himself sufficiently to take his (12) as Poet Laureate and it was during this period that some of his finest works were produced. The themes of his poetry (13) from Medieval Romance to the forces of nature and through them constant attacks are (14) on the brutal hypocrisy of the Victorian era. There are those (15) would (16) that this last area was more skilfully dealt (17) by the Victorian novelists rather than the poets, (18) the strength of Tennyson's writings has ensured his (19) among the great literary (20) of history.

2. Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it means **exactly the same** as the sentence printed before it.

Example: Her parents believe nothing she tells them.

Answer: Whatever **she tells them, her parents don't believe her.**

- a. He urged them to stay where they were.

They

- b. Is it necessary for me to bring a reference?

Do

- c. I don't want you to eat any ice-cream.

I'd rather

- d. They seldom have visitors.

Seldom

- e. In spite of many difficulties, progress is being made.

We are

- f. We don't have to go back to the office.

There's no

- g. Suppose I was eaten by a crocodile?

What

- h. It's the best we can do.

We can't