

# The President's Murderer

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

- a \_\_\_ Alex walked in a river because he wanted to escape from the dogs.
- b \_\_\_ Felix was sometimes afraid of the Chief of Police.
- c \_\_\_ The president wanted Dinon alive.
- d \_\_\_ Felix went to talk to people at the prison.
- e \_\_\_ Marta didn't tell the police about Alex.
- f \_\_\_ Nobody helped Alex.
- g \_\_\_ Alex knew the name of the President's murderer.
- h \_\_\_ Adam shot Alex in the street.
- i \_\_\_ Felix knew that Alex didn't kill the old President.
- j \_\_\_ Eva Hine was happy because Alex was dead.

**20 marks**

**2 Why didn't the people help the police?**

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**10 marks**



**3 Match a number from A with a letter from B to make complete sentences.**

- A**
- 1 \_\_\_ Marta gave Alex some hot food ...
  - 2 \_\_\_ At three o'clock in the morning ...
  - 3 \_\_\_ Alex left the shop by the back door ...
  - 4 \_\_\_ Alex slept in the lorry ...
  - 5 \_\_\_ Felix was very angry ...

**B**

- a ... and he slept in her house.
- b ... and ate the driver's sandwiches.
- c ... Alex said goodbye to Olivia.
- d ... because he could not talk to Alex.
- e ... because the police were coming.

**20 marks**

**4 This is Alex and his wife, Olivia. Fill in the gaps in the following dialogue using: good, difficult, afraid, friends, prison.**

**Olivia:** I'm so ..... for you.

**Alex:** Yes, escape is going to be ....., I talked to Pauli on the phone. The police—

**Olivia:** Yes, but you escaped from ..... . You have a lot of ..... . Perhaps Pauli can help you.

**Alex:** Perhaps. I've got some ..... friends.

I know that. But I've got a lot of enemies too.

**20 marks**

**5 Write a short comment on the story. (Why did Felix leave his job? Do you think he is going to find the murderer of the old President? Is he going to have problems with the Chief of Police? etc.).**

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**30 marks**

**Total marks**

## Setting

Choose the best answer.

- A good policeman is always \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  talking b  asking questions  
c  listening d  eating
- A good policeman knows which \_\_\_\_\_ are right, and which are wrong.  
a  answers b  people c  murderers  
d  men
- The Chief of Police wants Felix to find \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  an old woman b  a murderer  
c  a dog d  the President
- In front of the man were the tall, dark \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  trees b  people c  dogs d  cars
- The man's \_\_\_\_\_ were tired.  
a  arms and head b  legs and body  
c  eyes and ears d  legs and eyes
- He wanted to stop \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  talking b  listening c  walking  
d  running
- Dogs didn't need \_\_\_\_\_, they could find you in the dark.  
a  legs b  ears c  eyes d  heads
- He walked and ran up the river for about \_\_\_\_\_ kilometres.  
a  one b  two c  three d  four
- He wanted to sleep for an hour and then go \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  north b  east c  west d  south
- People did not \_\_\_\_\_ in the Chief's office.  
a  talk b  sit down c  stand up  
d  eat

**20 marks**

## Characters

Choose the best answer.

- Felix was very \_\_\_\_\_ for an inspector.  
a  old b  fat c  young d  tall
- Eva Hine, the Chief of Police, was a \_\_\_\_\_ woman of about fifty.  
a  thin b  tall c  fat d  beautiful
- Adam was \_\_\_\_\_, and usually worked with Felix on important jobs.  
a  twenty-five b  thirty-five  
c  twenty d  thirty
- Alex Dinon had a wife and \_\_\_\_\_ young children.  
a  one b  two c  three d  four

- Alex Dinon escaped from \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the old lady b  the President  
c  prison d  the trees
- The old woman's house was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  very small b  old c  cold  
d  very big
- The old woman's husband died last \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  winter b  summer c  spring  
d  autumn
- The lorry driver gave Dinon his \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  clothes b  money c  shoes  
d  sandwiches
- The old President wasn't a bad man, and he wanted \_\_\_\_\_ for the people.  
a  more food b  better houses  
c  a better life d  more money
- Alex Dinon wrote a book about \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the old President b  the army  
c  the Chief of Police d  the new President

**20 marks**

## Dialogue

Who said this?

- 'The dogs can't follow me across water.'  
a  the Chief b  Felix c  Adam  
d  Dinon
- 'What are you saying? You lost him?'  
a  Felix b  the Chief c  Adam  
d  the lorry driver
- 'How did you escape from prison?'  
a  Dinon b  Felix c  Marta  
d  the Chief
- 'But perhaps he had friends in prison. Perhaps they know something. I need to talk to people at the prison.'  
a  Felix b  Adam c  Dinon  
d  the President
- 'What do you think about the new president, then?'  
a  Dinon b  Adam c  Felix  
d  the Chief
- 'We want more food, not more prisoners.'  
a  Marta b  Dinon c  Felix  
d  Eva Hine
- 'We are always three hours or more behind him.'  
a  Adam b  Felix c  Dinon  
d  the lorry driver
- 'Your hands! Oh Alex, what happened to your hands?'  
a  Felix b  Adam c  the Chief  
d  Olivia

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- 29 'You see, Olivia, the police know the murderer's name, but it's a secret. They don't want people in this country to know the name.'  
a  the President b  Dinon c  Felix  
d  Adam
- 30 'I'd like to know the murderer's name.'  
a  Felix b  Dinon c  the Chief  
d  Adam

**20 marks**

## Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

- 31 something that you do not want other people to know  
a  whisper b  secret c  lie d  enemy
- 32 the noise when a gun is fired  
a  shot b  shoot c  stare d  ring
- 33 a big building for bad people; they live there and cannot leave  
a  airport b  prison c  lorry  
d  escape
- 34 to come or go after someone or something  
a  follow b  hide c  lie d  turn
- 35 to move around; to change direction  
a  whisper b  stare c  turn  
d  follow
- 36 not clever; with very slow thinking  
a  sadly b  stupid c  shout d  hide
- 37 the opposite of a friend; someone who hates you or wants to hurt you  
a  enemy b  Chief c  army  
d  murderer
- 38 to kill somebody (not in an accident)  
a  murder b  jump c  escape  
d  dangerous
- 39 to move quickly with both feet off the ground  
a  light b  field c  jump d  turn
- 40 to speak very, very quietly  
a  stare b  shout c  whisper d  lie
- 42 It was winter and the weather was cold, so there were not many \_\_\_\_\_ in the fields.  
a  people b  trees c  police  
d  soldiers
- 43 The old woman gave Dinon some of her husband's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  hot food b  old clothes  
c  sandwiches d  coffee
- 44 Somebody saw Dinon \_\_\_\_\_ and told the police.  
a  at the post office b  in the field  
c  at the window d  in the tree
- 45 Dinon found a \_\_\_\_\_ in a small town on a river.  
a  food shop b  post office  
c  police station d  car
- 46 Felix and Alex were policemen because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the money was good b  people helped them  
c  they liked talking to people  
d  people didn't like them
- 47 Dinon saw Olivia at \_\_\_\_\_ house.  
a  the old woman's b  her sister's  
c  Rudi's d  Pauli's
- 48 Dinon had some good friends, but he had a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ too.  
a  enemies b  books c  children  
d  money
- 49 Dinon didn't want to tell his wife \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  that he loved her b  the old President's name  
c  the name of the murderer  
d  about his book
- 50 Dinon was killed by \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the soldiers b  Felix c  the Chief  
d  the new President

**20 marks**

**Total marks**

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## Plot

Choose the best answer.

- 41 The new President wanted Alex Dinon \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  to write a book b  back in prison  
c  to go home d  to hide in the trees