

I GENERAL COMPREHENSION

Write down the correct answer

A. This text is:

- 1) ~~a newspaper article~~ 2) **an extract from a novel** 3) ~~a scene from a play~~

B. The scene takes place (more than one possible answer)

- 1) ~~at school~~ 2) **in the dining room** 3) **at home** 4) ~~in the bedroom~~

C. Answer the following questions very briefly.

- 1) How many characters are there? (1 word)

(There are) **four** (characters.) (⇒ Maddy, Frank, Mama, the maid)

- 2) Indicate the main character's full name and nickname and age.

Her full name: **Matilda Victoria Adelaide**

Her nickname: **Maddy**

Her age: **16**

- 3) Identify the other characters.

The other characters are the maid and Maddy's | parents.
| father, Frank, and mother, Mama.

- 4) What time of day does the scene take place? (one word is enough)

The scene takes place in the evening / at dinner time.

II DETAILED COMPREHENSION

A. Put in the chronological order

d) She left ⇒ **b) She caught the** ⇒ **a) She went to her** ⇒ **c) She had dinner**
boarding school train bedroom

B. True or False? Justify your choice by quoting from the text.

- a) Maddy will never go back to school

True. "from boarding school for the final time" (ll. 6-7)

b) Maddy is confident about her future

False. "unsure what she was meant to do next" (ll. 8-9)

c) Maddy's father thinks school is boring.

True. "That's the most tiresome part over and done" (l. 12)

d) Maddy's mother doesn't approve of her husband's questions

True. "Don't ask the girl ridiculous questions" (l. 19)

C. a) What is "the only important question"? (quote the text)

"What is the world's most beautiful thing?" (l. 16)

b) What is the mother's answer? (quote one element)

"Victory is the world's most beautiful thing." (l. 18)

c) What is Maddy's answer? (quote one element)

"Sea-eagles." (l. 28)

D. Choose the appropriate social class? Justify your choice by quoting the text

1) Working class 2) Middle class 3) **Upper class**

"Her father (...) motioned for the maid to bring the port" (ll. 14-15)

"The chandelier in the ceiling" (l. 23)

E. Pick out two adjectives defining the character's home

dazzling - charming

F. Which adjective best describes the father? Justify your choice with 2 quotations.

1) Bad-tempered 2) Strict 3) **Good-humoured**

"Papa smiled at his wife" (l. 21)

"cool patience" (l. 21)