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CAMBRIDGE LOWER SECONDARY IGCSE (TERM END Examinations-I)

Grade: 8

Subject: English

Date: 13.11.2024

Candidate Name: _____ Roll Number: _____

Max Marks: 80

Time Duration: 120 minutes

Invigilator's Sign: _____

SCRUTINY

Q1	Q11	Q21	Q31	Q41	Q51
Q2	Q12	Q22	Q32	Q42	Q52
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Marks Obtained

80	20	100	Grade

Sub. Tr. Sign: _____

Part 1: Non-fiction

Section A: Reading

Spend around 20 minutes on this section.

Q.1.A. Read this text (an extract from an informative text), then answer the questions.

1. Give two factual details about the Mary Celeste's planned voyage from paragraph 1 (2)

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2. Give one word that means 'stormy' from paragraph 1. (1)

3. Explain, using your own words, the effect of describing the Mary Celeste as a 'ghost ship' (line 12). (1)

4. a. 'Thus, one of the most famous maritime mysteries in history was born' (line 13). What literary technique is used here? Tick (✓) one box. **(1)**

hyperbole alliteration personification simile

b. Give one word from paragraph 3 that means 'a problem that is difficult to solve'.

(1)

5. a. Explain, using your own words, why it is unlikely that the ship's cargo caused an explosion according to paragraph 3. (*The riddle... Life boat*) **(1)**

b. Explain why the phrase 'this theory did not hold water either' (line 20) is an effective choice of language in this text. **(1)**

6. Explain, using your own words, what the writer means by 'a shadowy past' (line 24). **(1)**

7. Why is the final paragraph (*The question remains... Mary Celeste?*) effective in terms of the structure of the whole text? **(1)**

8. Why was the ship renamed? Give 2 reasons. **(2)**

9. Which theory about Mary Celeste do you find more persuading? Why? (2)

10.a. Complete the 'If clause'. (1)

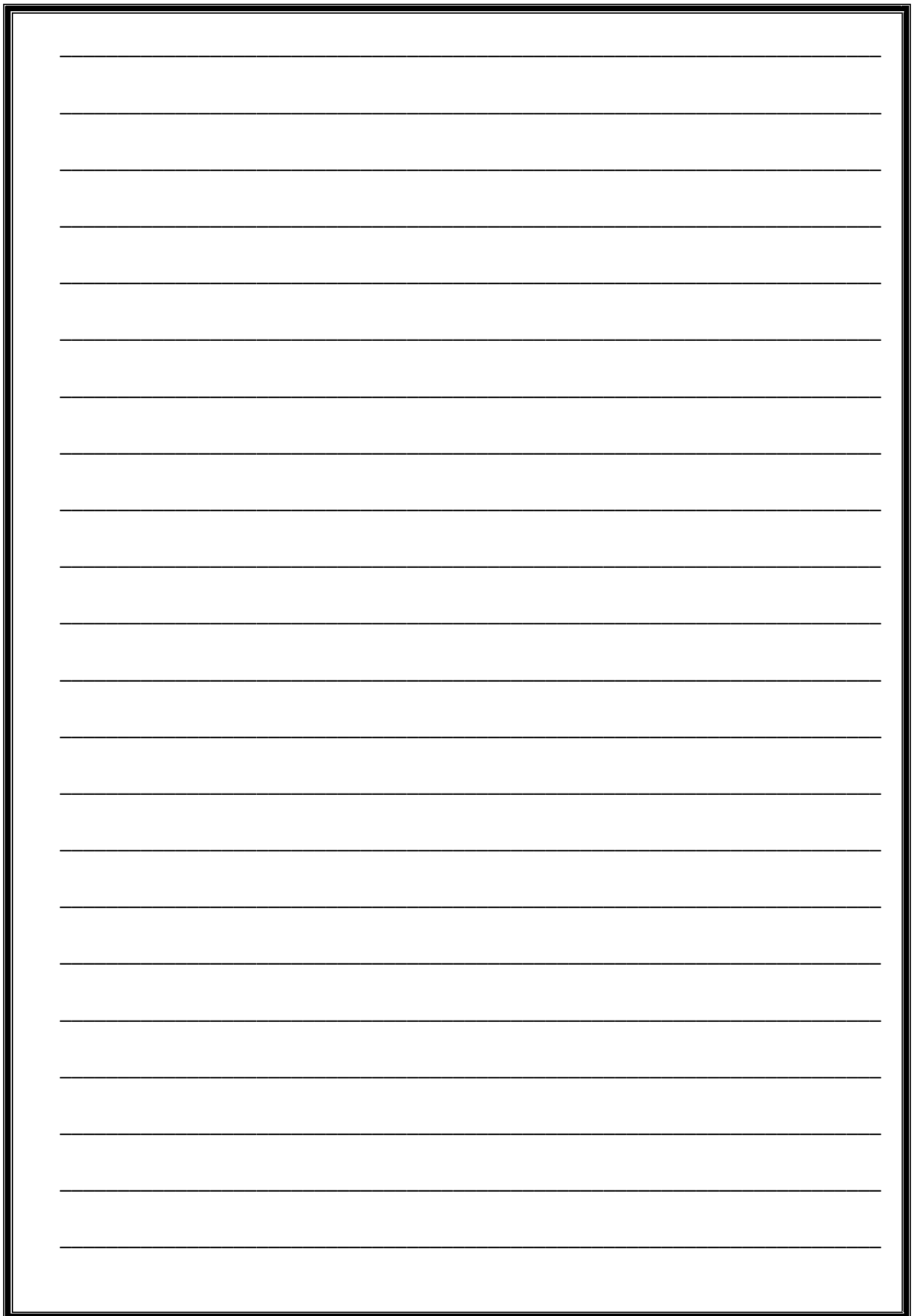
If I had travelled in Mary Celeste, _____

b. Identify the subordinate clause in the sentence. (1)

The Mary Celeste had a shadowy past, which had already earned the vessel a negative reputation.

c. Form a sentence using modal auxiliary 'must' showing compulsion. (1)

11. Summarize the extract in 70 words. (3)



Part 2: Fiction
Section A: Reading

Spend around 20 minutes on this section.

Q.2.A. Read the extract 1 from *The Red-Headed League* and answer the following questions.

1. What does the word “florid-faced” suggest about Mr. Jabez Wilson’s appearance? (1)

2. Comment on the intelligence of Mr. Sherlock Holmes by quoting evidences from the extract. (2)

3. How does the sudden mention of “The Red-Headed League” change the direction of the conversation? (1)

4. Write any two conventions of detective fiction used in the extract. (2)

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5. Make notes on the titles in your own words. (2)

- a. The assistant of Jabez Wilson

b. The Red- Headed League _____

6. How does Mr. Wilson's description of his struggling business evoke sympathy from the reader? **(2)**

7. Using the knowledge of morphology, guess the meaning of the word '*blazing*' (line 4). **(1)**

8. Write down any one deduction about Mr. Jabez Wilson by Holmes along with its detailed explanation. **(2)**

9. Use the phrases in your own sentence. **(2)**

a. Laughed heavily

b. Considerable amount of

10. What shows that the red-headed league was suspicious? Provide evidence from the extract. (2)

11. What structural technique is used in the extract throughout? (1)

Denouement. Flash-forward.

Change of chronology. Foreshadowing.

12. Complete the portmanteau: (2)

a. Costume + Roleplay = _____

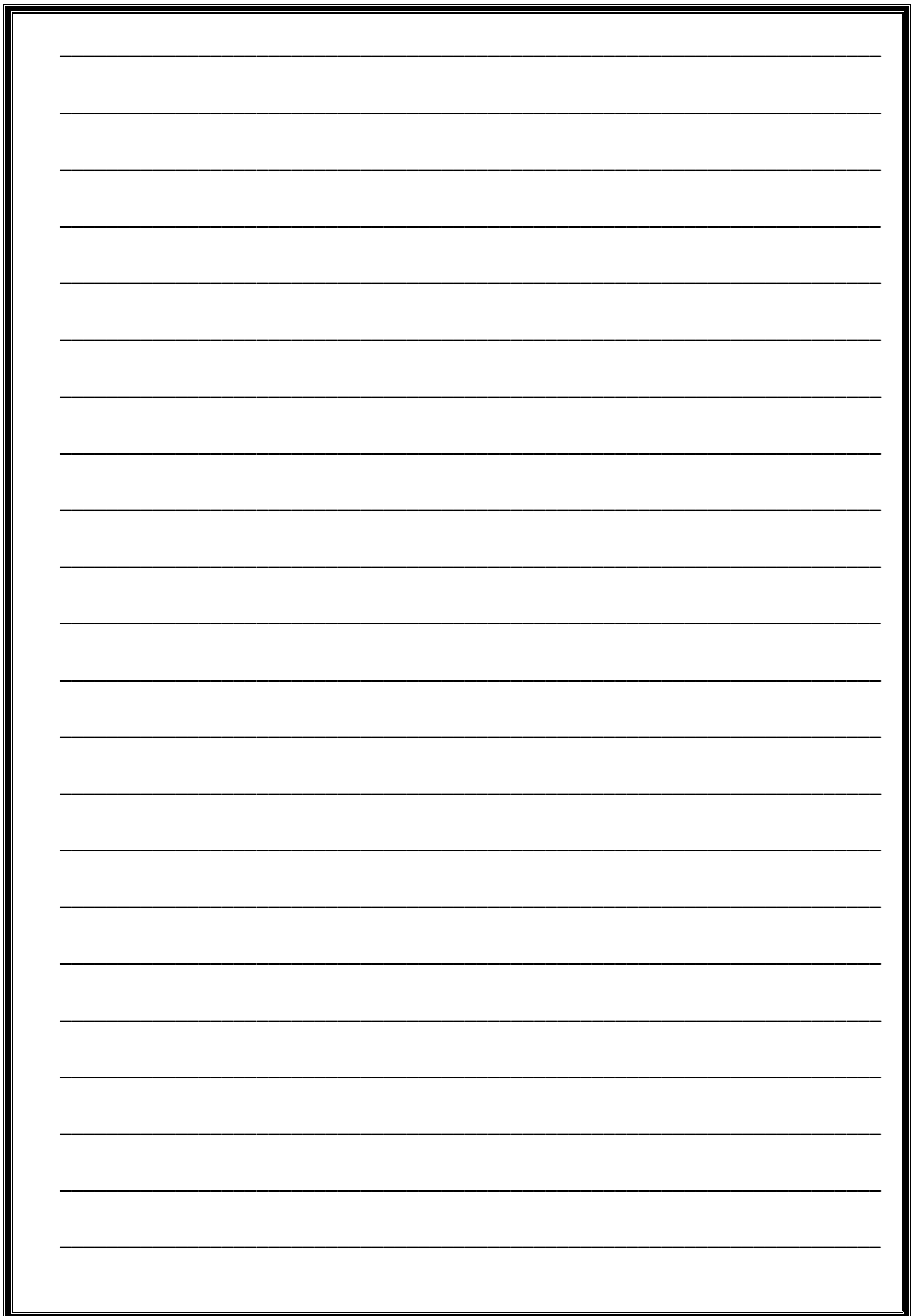
b. Friend + Enemy = _____

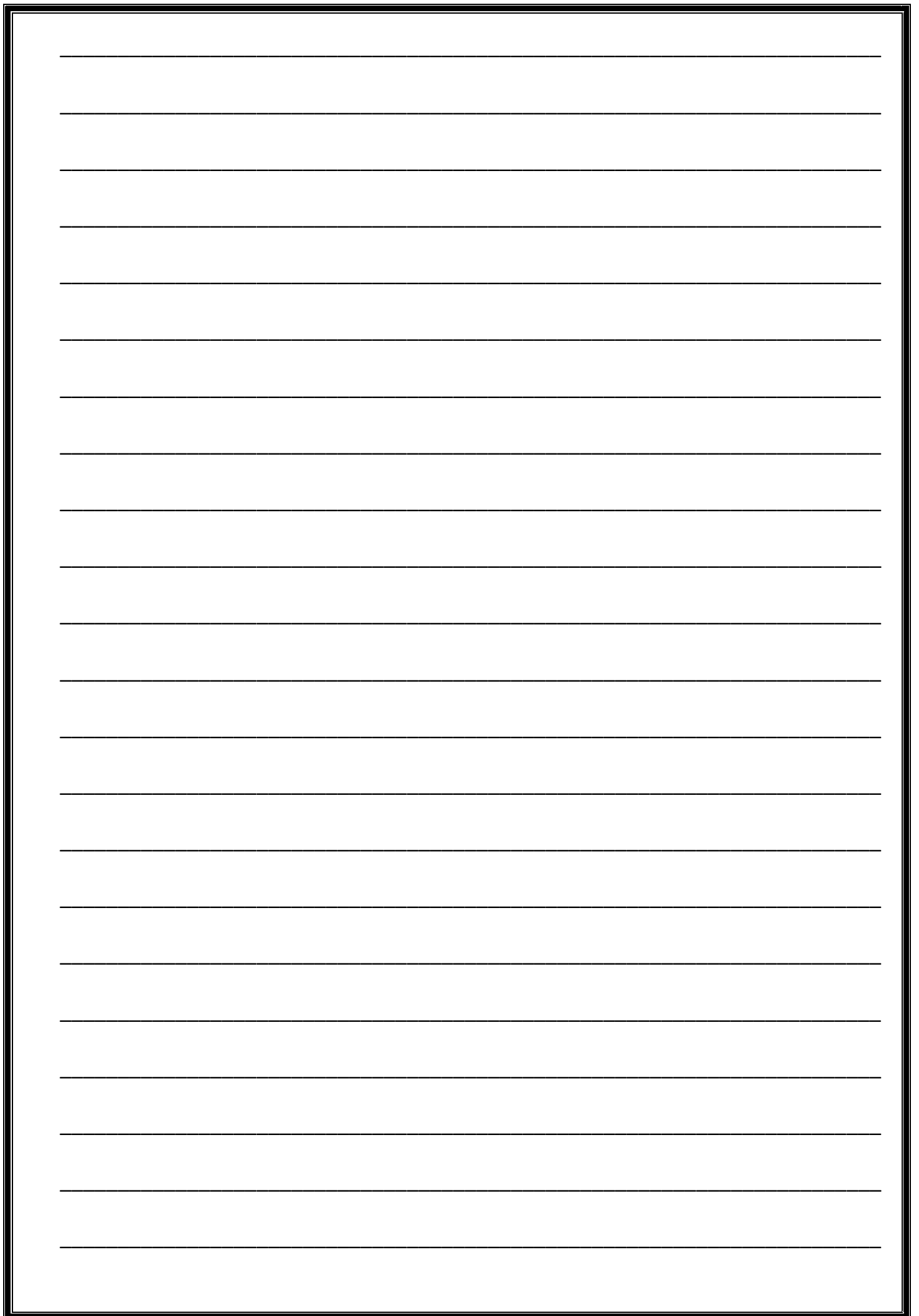
Section B: Writing

Q.2. B. Turn the Extract 2 (Q2. A) into a Play Script considering the following points: (10)

- Write the names of the characters
- Add stage directions
- Add extra dialogues if required

Plan:





Extract (Grade 8)

Q.1.

What happened to the *Mary Celeste*?

On 7 November 1872, the *Mary Celeste* left New York Harbor to sail to Genoa, Italy. On board were eight crew members, the ship's captain, Benjamin Briggs, his wife, Sarah, and their two-year-old daughter, Sophia. However, despite departing on schedule, the ship never reached its destination. After leaving New York, the *Mary Celeste* battled its

- 5 way through tempestuous seas and howling winds for two weeks. Then, on 25 November, the captain wrote his last entry in the log: nothing was amiss.

Ten days later, a British ship called *Dei Gratia*, sailing about 400 miles east of the Azores, spotted the *Mary Celeste* adrift, with the sails partly set but in poor condition. Some of the crew of the *Dei Gratia* were sent aboard to investigate, but they found no

- 10 sign of the captain, his family or any of the crew. The lifeboat was missing, but the cargo, personal belongings of those on board, and ample supplies of food and water remained on board. The *Dei Gratia* had stumbled across a ghost ship!

Thus, one of the most famous maritime mysteries in history was born: why would an experienced captain such as Briggs, or his sailors, abandon a perfectly seaworthy ship?

- 15 The riddle of the *Mary Celeste* has intrigued people ever since. Over the years, theories have ranged from a crazed mutiny on board, to a pirate attack, a vicious assault by a giant octopus or sea monster – even an alien abduction! The more scientifically minded suggest an explosion caused by fumes from the 1,700 barrels of flammable liquid in the ship's hold may have been the cause, but as the ship was intact with no visible damage,
- 20 this theory did not hold water either. Perhaps the sea itself holds the answer. One possibility is that the *Mary Celeste* was the victim of a waterspout (a tornado at sea), leading the crew to think the vessel was about to sink and making the fatal mistake of abandoning ship and setting off in the lifeboat.

The *Mary Celeste* had a shadowy past, which had already earned the vessel a negative

- 25 reputation. Originally christened as the *Amazon*, the ship was given a new name after a series of unfortunate incidents, including the deaths of three captains, the first of

which occurred during her maiden voyage. It was rechristened the *Mary Celeste* in 1867 by a New York marine company. After being brought back to harbour by the *Dei Gratia* crew, the ship continued in service until 1885, when it was filled with worthless

- 30 cargo then deliberately wrecked as part of an insurance fraud. The wreckage has never been found.

The question remains unanswered: what happened to the *Mary Celeste*?

Q.2.

Extract 1

I had called upon my friend, Mr Sherlock Holmes, and found him in conversation with a very **stout, florid-faced**, elderly gentleman with fiery red hair. There was nothing remarkable about the man save his blazing red head.

Sherlock Holmes shook his head with a smile. 'Beyond the obvious facts that he has done **manual labour**, that he has been in China, and that he has done a considerable amount of writing lately, I can deduce nothing else.'

Mr Jabez Wilson started up in his chair. 'How did you know that I did manual labour?'

'Your right hand is larger than your left and the muscles are more developed.'

'But the writing?'

'What else can be indicated by that right **cuff** so very shiny?'

'Well, but China?'

'The fish that you have tattooed above your right wrist is quite **peculiar** to China.'

Mr Jabez Wilson laughed heavily.

'Can you not find the advertisement, Mr Wilson?'

'Yes, I have got it now,' he answered with his thick finger planted halfway down the column. 'Here it is. This is what began it all. You just read it for yourself, sir.'

'TO THE RED-HEADED LEAGUE: there is now another **vacancy** open which entitles a member of the League to a salary of £4 a week for purely nominal services. All red-headed men are eligible. Apply to Duncan Ross, Fleet Street.'

Holmes chuckled. 'Mr Wilson, tell us all about yourself.'

'I have a small business at Coburg Square. I used to be able to keep two assistants, but now I only keep one; and I would have a job to pay him but that he is willing to come for half wages.'

'What is the name of this youth?' asked Sherlock Holmes.