

Test 1

Questions 1–3

Choose **THREE** letters A–H.

Write your answers in boxes 1–3 on your answer sheet.

NB Your answers may be given in any order.

Which **THREE** of the following statements are true of Johnson's *Dictionary*?

- A It avoided all scholarly words.
- B It was the only English dictionary in general use for 200 years.
- C It was famous because of the large number of people involved.
- D It focused mainly on language from contemporary texts.
- E There was a time limit for its completion.
- F It ignored work done by previous dictionary writers.
- G It took into account subtleties of meaning.
- H Its definitions were famous for their originality.

Questions 4–7

Complete the summary.

Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes 4–7 on your answer sheet.

In 1764 Dr Johnson accepted the contract to produce a dictionary. Having rented a garret, he took on a number of 4 , who stood at a long central desk. Johnson did not have a 5 available to him, but eventually produced definitions of in excess of 40,000 words written down in 80 large notebooks. On publication, the *Dictionary* was immediately hailed in many European countries as a landmark. According to his biographer, James Boswell, Johnson's principal achievement was to bring 6 to the English language. As a reward for his hard work, he was granted a 7 by the king.

Questions 8–13

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 8–13 on your answer sheet, write

TRUE	<i>if the statement agrees with the information</i>
FALSE	<i>if the statement contradicts the information</i>
NOT GIVEN	<i>if there is no information on this</i>

- 8** The growing importance of the middle classes led to an increased demand for dictionaries.
- 9** Johnson has become more well known since his death.
- 10** Johnson had been planning to write a dictionary for several years.
- 11** Johnson set up an academy to help with the writing of his *Dictionary*.
- 12** Johnson only received payment for his *Dictionary* on its completion.
- 13** Not all of the assistants survived to see the publication of the *Dictionary*.