

Vocabulary/ Expressions	
bedtime reading	(n) something to read in bed before you go to sleep
a classic	(n) of the highest quality
an e-book	(n) a digital book
couldn't put it down	(idiom) wasn't able to stop reading a book
to flick through	(v) to look quickly through a book
hardback	(n) a book with a rigid cover (see 'paperback' below)
a historical novel	(n) a story set in the past
a page turner	(n) a book that you want to keep reading
paperback	(n) a book with a flexible cover (see 'hardback' above)
to read something from cover to cover	(idiom) to read a book from the first page to the last

PART 1 QUESTIONS

Here are possible questions that might come up during the test. Go over them with your tutor.

Topic

- Do you like reading books? Why or why not?
- What (kinds of) books do you like to read?
- Did you read much when you were a child?

PART 2&3 QUESTIONS

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Sample A

Part 2 Questions

- Describe a favourite book in your childhood. You should say:
 - What is it
 - Who is the writer of the book
 - What was the story of the book
 - and explain why it is your favorite book from childhood.

Part 3 Questions

- Let's consider first of all why people write books. What do you think makes people want to write a book?
- What qualities does a writer need?

SAMPLE ANSWERS

Here are some sample answers. Go over them with your tutor.

Part 1 Questions

- **Do you like reading books? Why or why not?**
 - Yes, I am really into reading because I believe that reading can be both entertaining and educational. Reading broadens my knowledge by opening up the whole world to me. While I'm reading, I can be visiting another country of a different time period, or traveling through space. I can find out how people solved problems or think up new ideas.
- **What (kinds of) books do you like to read?**
 - Oh it's a tough question, or it should be more of what books I don't read. I have a really open mind towards books and what genre they are. Classic literature, novels, autobiography, historical story-whatever I love reading them all.
- **Did you read much when you were a child?**
 - Yes, I remember when I was a kid I'd like to take some historical books from my father's bookshelf, and read the historical stories, which were really entertaining and educational for me. As a result, I'm very familiar with our ancient Chinese history.

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Part 2 Questions

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'The Diary of a Young Girl' which is also known as 'The Diary of Anne Frank', was one of my most favourite books in my childhood. I was so touched by this books and enjoyed it so much that I read it 2-3 times. This book was published from a diary written by a young girl named Anne Frank. My father gave this book as my 11th birthday gift and I read it when I was 11 years old. I have even read it when I grew up and was a student of the college. To my surprise, the book was as appealing and touchy as I found it in my childhood.

The book was adapted from the diary Anne Frank, who was a teenage girl around 13 years old at the time of writing her diary. She originally wrote in Dutch language and later this book was translated into more than 60 languages worldwide. She wrote the diary when she and her family were in hiding for two years during the Nazi occupation of the Netherland during the Second World War.

Anne got a diary as a birthday gift when she turned to 13 and she began to write in it from 14th June 1942. At that time, the Nazi invaded the Netherland and they were in hiding into a sealed-off upper room of Anne's father's office building in Amsterdam. They remain hiding there for two years and Anne wrote the events of the people living there, her personal thoughts and what happened that time.

She has a good relationship with her father and a poor relationship with her mother. She admired her sister's talent and intelligence and calm nature. She was initially irritated about Peter, a boy of her own age and later on they two became very close. Thus a little girl wrote about the relationship, people's mentality, perceptions of human, little joys and sadness of life and revealed the suffering of the people due to the war.

Anne dies when she became 15 years old after they were betrayed and found by the Nazi. Sadly she dies only 2 weeks before the British troops liberated the prisoners from the concentration camp. After her death, the diary was bit censored and was published with her father's permission who was the only survivor from the Nazi camp.

The suffering of the people during the war, the feelings and thoughts of a young girl, her complaints and happiness, her perception of life were so brilliant that it touched my heart. I could not leave the book until I finished it and I was deeply touched to read the thoughts of a young and brilliant girl who was killed at her 15.

Part 3 Questions

- **Let's consider first of all why people write books. What do you think makes people want to write a book?**
 - To my way of thinking, there are various reasons why people decide to write a book. Some people have an important story to tell and that's why they write their own autobiography. For instance, I recently read Richard Branson's and it was fascinating. Writers of fiction, on the other hand, may just enjoy writing. Look at Stephen King, he's written countless books and shows no sign of stopping. People like him seem to have a real passion for writing.
- **What qualities does a writer need?**
 - Well, being a professional writer is a tough job and the whole creative process of planning, writing and redrafting a book can take years. So, I guess that dedication and self-discipline are prerequisites for any aspiring or established writing. I also believe that being able to connect with readers is essential.