

## Use of English

Time: 45 minutes

### Task 1

**For items 1-10**, solve the crossword using the definitions of the required word given in brackets. **The first example (0) is done for you.**

**Example: 0. clerk**

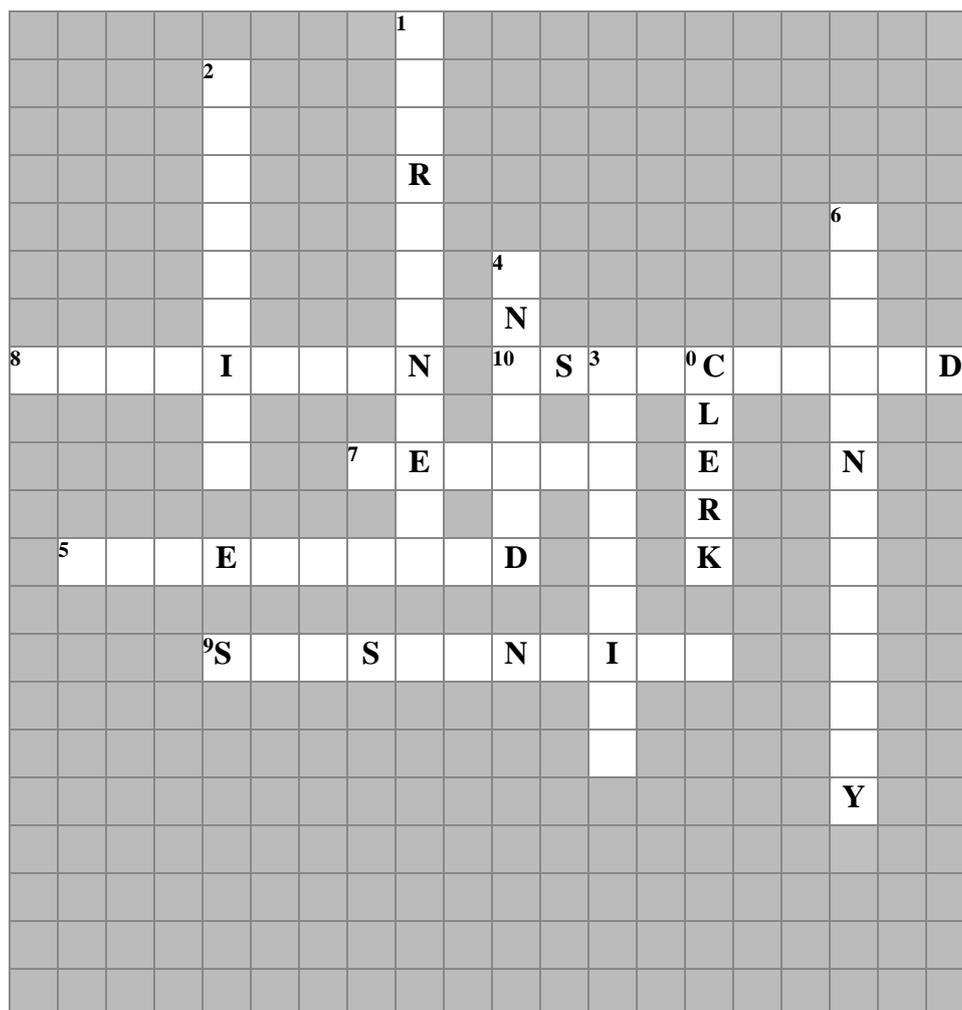
#### A Literary Giant

Born in Portsmouth, England, on 7th February 1812, Charles Dickens was the second of eight children. His father was a (0) ... (**someone who works in an office or bank, keeping records and doing general office work**) who worked for the Navy Pay office until his (1) ... (**the act of putting somebody in a prison or another place from which they cannot escape; the state of being there**) for debt. Charles was very young at the time of his father's incarceration and the resulting financial hardships forced him to seek work at the age of twelve. The deprivation that Charles experienced together with the social (2) ... (**a situation or action in which people are treated unfairly**) he observed affected him deeply and would influence his writing.

Although Charles had little formal (3) ... (**the education you receive at a special educational place**), he managed to teach himself shorthand. This (4) ... (**made something possible**) him to get a job as a parliamentary reporter at a newspaper. He went on to publish work in magazines but it was not until he published *The Pickwick Papers* that he became really successful. Another of his most (5) ... (**famous for a special ability or quality**) works, *A Tale of Two Cities*, was written twenty years after he had read a book about the French Revolution and (6) ... (**behaving or reacting naturally and without thinking**) knew that he had to write a novel set in the same period.

Dickens' (7) ... (**the state of a person's body or mind**) began to deteriorate in the 1860s and the fact that he had begun to do public readings only aggravated his

(8) ... (***the state that someone is in***). He died on 9th June 1870. By the time of his death, he had written 15 (9) ... (***large in amount, value or importance***) novels and countless other works. He was undoubtedly a great literary figure whose name will always be (10) ... (***having a connection between/relating people or things in your mind***) with a criticism of greed and the notion that good will be rewarded.



## Task 2

**For items 11-20**, match the borrowings from other languages existing in English (column 1) with their descriptions (column 2). One description is not needed.

**Example 0. has been done for you: 0. F**

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<p><b>0. curriculum vitae</b></p> <p><b>11. magna cum laude</b></p> <p><b>12. pied-à-terre</b></p> <p><b>13. tour de force</b></p> <p><b>14. shtick</b></p> <p><b>15. glitterati</b></p> <p><b>16. modus vivendi</b></p> <p><b>17. syllabus</b></p> <p><b>18. bolshie</b></p> <p><b>19. taco</b></p> <p><b>20. cognoscenti</b></p>	<p><b>A.</b> a small apartment or house, often in the centre of a city or town, that is not your main home but which you own and stay in sometimes</p> <p><b>B.</b> people who are rich, famous, and fashionable</p> <p><b>C.</b> the style of humour that a particular actor or comedian is typically known for</p> <p><b>D.</b> a corn tortilla folded in half and filled with meat, beans etc.</p> <p><b>E.</b> with high honour – used to show that someone has finished American high school or college at the second of the three highest levels of achievement that students can reach</p> <p><b>F.</b> a document giving details of your education and past employment</p> <p><b>G.</b> a plan that states exactly what students at a school or college should learn in a particular subject</p> <p><b>H.</b> the subjects that are taught by a school</p> <p><b>I.</b> tending to be angry or annoyed and not to obey people</p> <p><b>J.</b> an arrangement between people with very different opinions or habits that allows them to live or work together without quarrelling</p> <p><b>K.</b> people who have special knowledge about a subject, especially art, literature, or food</p> <p><b>L.</b> something impressive that is done very skillfully and successfully</p>

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