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Este ano os dois textos apresentados foram de fácil compreensão, mas exigiam do candidato conhecimento **gramatical** e **lexical**. As outras questões envolviam **advérbios**, **links** (but) e **sinônimos**.

Foi uma prova equilibrada, apesar de algumas questões estarem muito fáceis (por exemplo a de número 35).

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Read the text below and answer questions 33 - 36:

Vampires seem to have lost their bite these days. Stories of the scary creatures date back to ancient Babylonia, and public fascination (and fear) really took hold in the Middle Ages. Up until recently, vampire tales were connected mostly to death and decay: think of Bram Stoker's 1897 novel *Dracula* and, 25 years later, F.W. Murnau's silent-film adaptation, *Nosferatu*. Today, however, vampires are often tragic, even poetic figures. In Anne Rice's *Vampire Chronicle* novels, the vampires are sensitive, suffering souls; in Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series, Edward Cullen wins the hand of young Bella Swan.

Source: Adapted from REICH, J. Editor's notes. *The Writer*: advice and inspiration for today's writer. October 2010.

33. Based on the text, it might be stated that:

- A) Vampire stories have been told for centuries.
- B) Vampire stories do not attract readers anymore.
- C) Vampire stories did not appeal to audiences in the 19th century.
- D) Vampires have not changed over the years: today they are exactly like Bram Stoker's *Dracula* and Murnau's *Nosferatu*.
- E) Vampire stories have decreased in popularity over the years.

34. In the sentence "vampires are often tragic, even poetic figures" the word often signifies:

- A) Never.
- B) Always.
- C) Recently.
- D) Hardly ever.
- E) Frequently.

35. In the sentence "Stories of the scary creatures date back to ancient Babylonia", the word ancient means:

- A) Dangerous.
- B) Peaceful.
- C) Old.
- D) Festive.
- E) Elitist.

36. In the sentence "Up until recently, vampire tales were connected mostly to death and decay", the word mostly means:

- A) Apparently.
- B) Monthly.
- C) Just.
- D) Mainly.
- E) Totally.

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Read the text below and answer questions 37 - 39:

If you think English spelling is complicated, then you are right:

It is also a problem for native speakers!

There have been attempts to reform English spelling. The great American lexicographer Noah Webster (1758-1843) tried to create a more rational system. [...] But even American English spelling is difficult and this explains the existence of spelling 'bees', or competitions. The first spelling bee was held in the USA in 1825: the organizers (the 'z' is American) used Webster's 'spelling book' as their model.

Ironically, the word 'bee' is itself a mystery. You spell it the same way you spell the insect, but here a 'bee' is a gathering of people. According to one theory, it comes from an old English word, 'bea', meaning 'prayer.'

Source: *Speak Up*. Nº 276, August 2010, p. 22.

37. Based on the text, it might be stated that:

- A) Noah Webster made American English and British English spelling exactly the same.
- B) Spelling bees are competitions involving spelling, pronunciation and understanding grammar rules.
- C) Spelling bees are organized by native speakers to test a foreigner's knowledge of English spelling.
- D) English spelling is a problem not only for foreigners but also for native speakers.
- E) The first spelling bee held in the USA in 1825 was used to promote and sell Webster's spelling book.'

38. In order to keep the same meaning, the sentence "The first spelling bee was held in the USA in 1825" should be rewritten as:

- A) The first spelling competition took place in the USA in 1825.
- B) The first spelling competition captured the interest of the media in the USA in 1825.
- C) The latest spelling competition took place in the USA in 1825.
- D) The first spelling competition was not authorized in the USA in 1825.
- E) The first spelling competition was rejected in the USA in 1825.

39. In the sentence "You spell it the same way you spell the insect, but here a 'bee' is a gathering of people" the word but indicates:

- A) Addition.
- B) Consequence.
- C) Result.
- D) Condition.
- E) Contrast.

40. Read the sentences given:

- I. How do you do?
- II. Nice to meet you.
- III. Pleased to meet you.
- IV. What do you do?
- V. What do you do for a living?

Based on these sentences, it might be stated that:

- A) Sentences I and IV are used to ask about one's occupation.
- B) Sentences I, II and III are used for introductions.
- C) Sentences I, IV and V are used to ask about one's professional activity.
- D) Sentences II and III have opposite meanings.
- E) Sentence V is used to ask about one's address.