

I. READING

from THE SANDCASTLE by I. Murdoch

Glossary: to have a bash - to try; Propertius - the greatest of the elegiac poets of Rome.

The chief buildings of St Bride's were grouped unevenly around a large square of asphalt which was called the playground, although the one thing that was strictly forbidden therein was playing. The buildings consisted of four tall red-brick blocks: Main School, which contained the hall, and most of the senior classrooms; Library, which contained the library and more classrooms, and which was built close against Main School; School House, opposite to Library, where the scholars ate and slept, and „physics room” and „Gym” opposite the Main School, which contained the gymnasium, some laboratories, the administrative offices, and two flats for resident masters.

Mor taught history, and occasionally Latin, at St Bride's. He enjoyed teaching, and knew that he did it well. His authority and prestige in the school stood high; higher than that of any other master. Mor was well aware of this too, and it consoled him more than a little for failures in other departments of his life.

„Rigden”, said Mor.

Along silence followed. Mor was taking the Fifth Form Latin class, a chore which sometimes came his way during the absence on sick leave of Mr Baseford, the classics master. It was a hot afternoon, the first period after lunch, a time which Mor hated. A fly buzzed on the window. Twenty boys sat with the Elegies of Propertius open before them. Rigden clearly could make nothing of the line in question.

„Come on, Rigden”, said Mor rather wearily, „have a bash”. You can translate the first word anyway”. „You”, said Rigden. He was a slight crazy-looking boy with a small head. He idolized Mor. His inability to please him was one of the tragedies of his school days. He leaned intently over his book.

„That's right”, said Mor, „and the second word”. A yell of uncontrolled laughter went up in the next room. That was Mr Prewett's mathematics class. Prewett was unhappily quite unable to keep order. Mor knew that keeping order was a gift of nature but he could not but despise Prewett a little all the same. Mor himself had but to look at the boys and they fell silent. „Only”, - said Rigden. „Yes”, said Mor, „now go on”. Rigden stared wretchedly at the page. „Carde?” said Mor.

Jimmy Carde was one of Mor's enemies. He was also the bosom-friend of Mor's son Donald. Mor never felt at ease with Carde. He spoke in a casual and superior way.

„That's right”, said Mor. „Now, Rigden, you go on”. Rigden was beginning to look desperate. He gazed into the book, biting his lip.

„Get a move on”, said Mor, „we haven't got all day. Did you prepare this, Rigden?”

„Yes, sir”, said Rigden.

„Well, you'd better stay behind afterwards and talk to me about it”, - said Mor. „Our time's nearly up. Could somebody finish translating? Carde, what about you, could you do the last six lines for us?” Carde cleared his throat.

„Yes”, said Mor. He looked at his watch. He saw that the period was nearly ended. Carde was a good performer.

„Yes”, said Mor. Yes. Very nice, Carde. Thank you. Now you can all go.”

An immediate chatter broke out, and amid a banging of books and desk tops there was a rush for the door. The admonishing of Rigden took little time, and Mor strode into the corridor. A moment later he emerged from the centre door of what was called Main School into the sunshine and looked about him.

1. A large square of asphalt was called

- ☐ A) avenue ☐ Б) playground
☐ B) court ☐ Г) links

2. A room used for lessons in natural science is ...:

- ☐ A) gymnasium ☐ Б) stalls
☐ B) bed sitting room ☐ Г) physics room

3. Prewett was unable to keep order and Mor ...:

- ☐ A) despised him ☐ Б) humiliated him
☐ B) respected him ☐ Г) worshiped him

4. Mor asked Carde to do:

- ☐ A) the first word
☐ Б) the first six lines
☐ B) the last six lines
☐ Г) the last word

5. Carde was a:

- ☐ A) good performer ☐ Б) good artist
☐ B) good actor ☐ Г) good prompter

6. After the lesson Mor strode into

- ☐ A) the senior classroom
☐ Б) the corridor
☐ B) the physics room
☐ Г) the gymnasium

II. Communication and vocabulary

7. A: Excuse me.

B: I'm sorry. I don't smoke.

- ☐ A) Do you need my help?
☐ Б) Do you prefer lights?
☐ B) Is it light enough for you?
☐ Г) Do you have a light?

8. A: Why don't you go to the cinema?

B:

- ☐ A) I am bored.
☐ Б) I am tired.
☐ B) That's a bit rough.
☐ Г) I am busy.

9. A:

B: That's a good idea.

- ☐ A) Eat out tonight.
☐ Б) Why going out?
☐ B) A good idea to eat out?
☐ Г) Why don't we eat out tonight?

10. A:?

B: There is a good programme at 6.

- ☐ A) What's on TV tonight?
☐ Б) Does TV have good shows?
☐ В) Do you know what goes at 6?
☐ Г) Does anything good go in the evening?

11. A: How long do your classes last?

B: About two

- ☐ A) o'clock ☐ Б) hours forty
☐ В) hours late ☐ Г) hours

12. A:

B: I'd love one.

- ☐ A) Do you like to drink?
☐ Б) Do you want to drink?
☐ В) Are you more drinking?
☐ Г) Would you like a drink?

13. A: Are you?

B: Yes, I am.

- ☐ A) fully booked ☐ Б) wholly packed
☐ В) fool ☐ Г) empty

14. The of the storm was incredible.

- ☐ A) violence ☐ Б) sound
☐ В) approach ☐ Г) force

15. The teacher wasn't with the students' answers.

- ☐ A) satisfied ☐ Б) contented
☐ В) pleased ☐ Г) sorry

16. The new contact lenses made the woman her eyes much more than usual.

- ☐ A) blink
☐ Б) shade
☐ В) strain and stretch
☐ Г) open and close

17. Mark brought his dismissal from work by stealing the computer.

- ☐ A) about ☐ Б) in
☐ В) out ☐ Г) to

18. When I get my degree, it will be a real

- ☐ A) drop in the ocean
☐ Б) feather in my cap
☐ В) hard nut to crack
☐ Г) dead end

19. Could you help me to my keys, please?

- ☐ A) to search for ☐ Б) to look for
☐ В) to look out ☐ Г) to look through

20. They had to call the football match because of the weather.

- ☐ A) on ☐ Б) out
☐ В) back ☐ Г) off

21. Tell the neighbours it was; Tom found his dog.

- ☐ A) a false alarm
☐ Б) a dead end
☐ В) a night owl
☐ Г) a drop in the ocean

III. Grammar

22. You see a doctor.

- ☐ A) should ☐ Б) ought to
☐ В) dare ☐ Г) have to

23. you tell me where the post office is, please?

- ☐ A) Shall ☐ Б) Could
☐ В) Must ☐ Г) Can

24. Jack doesn't know about the party. He is in a big surprise.

- ☐ A) about ☐ Б) on
☐ В) for ☐ Г) with

25. I love chocolate. (milk, Belgian, tasty)

- ☐ A) Belgian tasty milk
☐ Б) tasty Belgian milk
☐ В) milk Belgian tasty
☐ Г) tasty milk Belgian

26. It is more expensive to live in London than any other city in Britain.

- ☐ A) very ☐ Б) far
☐ В) much ☐ Г) any

27. She is a good teacher.

- ☐ A) fairly ☐ Б) pretty
☐ В) quite ☐ Г) very

28. I'll stay in the office until I the project.

- ☐ A) will finish ☐ Б) finishing
☐ В) finish ☐ Г) finishes

29. Many entrepreneurs say that to start their own business was the best decision.

- ☐ A) realising ☐ Б) going
☐ В) deciding ☐ Г) coming

30. I'm not leaving I finish this job.

- ☐ A) until ☐ Б) till
☐ В) by the time ☐ Г) before