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19th-Century Fiction Reading — Practice Test

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A lighthouse keeper writes a diary entry. Which tense is best for a diary about today?

A the imperative mood

B future tense only

C past tense

D the passive voice

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2 **What is first person narration?**

A told by he, she or they

B told by I or we

C told by you

D told by nobody

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3 **What does archaic vocabulary mean?**

A words that have never been used

B new words

C old-fashioned words

D foreign words

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4 **The train shook and rattled as it tore through the dark, and the fields flashed past the window like scenes in a dream. In the carriage, a gentleman read his newspaper by lamplight, while a young woman rocked her baby and stared at her own pale face in the glass. At last the engine gave a long, tired sigh, and the train slowed into the station. In the extract, the word ‘tore’ most closely means**

- A moved fast
- B broke apart
- C stopped dead
- D moved slowly

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5 **What is third person narration?**

- A told by nobody
- B told by I or we, the narrator
- C told by you
- D told by he, she or they

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ANSWER KEY

1. C
2. B
3. C
4. A
5. D

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