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| **FIRST LINES OF BOOKS – (name the novel which opens with these words)** | | |
| **Questions** | | **Answers** |
| 1. | Renowned curator Jacques Sauniere staggered through the vaulted archway of the Museum’s Grand Gallery. |  |
| 2. | The boy with fair hair lowered himself down the last few feet of rock and began to pick his way toward the lagoon. |  |
| 3. | At the age of fifteen my grandmother became the concubine of a warlord general. |  |
| 4. | Far out in the uncharted backwaters at the unfashionable end of the western spiral arm of the Galaxy lies a small unregarded yellow sun. |  |
| 5. | It was a pleasure to burn. |  |
| 6. | All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. |  |
| 7. | The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there. |  |
| 8. | All children, except one, grow up. |  |
| 9. | You better not never tell nobody but God. |  |
| 10. | The year 1866 was signalized by a remarkable incident, a mysterious and inexplicable phenomenon, which doubtless no-one has yet forgotten. |  |
| 11. | It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness…. |  |
| 12. | As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect. |  |
| 13. | I was set down from the carrier’s cart at the age of three; and there with a sense of bewilderment and terror my life in the village began. |  |
| 14. | Marley was dead: to begin with. There is no doubt whatever about that. |  |
| 15. | When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle, everybody said she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen. |  |

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| **VIVE LA DIFFÉRENCE! True or False…….** | | |
| **Questions** | | **Answers** |
| 1. | Women make more fuss than men about minor and imaginary ailments |  |
| 2. | Men tend to be more self-centred than women. |  |
| 3. | Women talk more about men than men talk about women. |  |
| 4. | Men are more truthful. |  |
| 5. | Women are more easily bored than men. |  |
| 6. | Men are fussier about their food. |  |
| 7. | Women tend to be more cheerful and optimistic than men. |  |
| 8. | Men can manage on less sleep than women. |  |
| 9. | Wives understand their husbands better than husbands understand their wives. |  |
| 10. | Husbands are generally more intelligent than their wives. |  |

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| **‘TIS A PUZZLEMENT…….** | | |
| **Questions** | | **Answers** |
| 1. | A woman is 12 years old plus half her age – how old is she? |  |
| 2. | A couple have five sons. Each son has one sister. How many children does the couple have? |  |
| 3. | Mr. Smith weighs 40kg more than Mrs. Smith. Together they weigh 130kg. How much do they each weigh? |  |
| 4. | A man says “Everything I say is False”. Is he telling the truth? |  |
| 5. | I had ten pence and a pound. I bought a horse and a hound. The horse cost a pound more than the hound. What did the hound cost? |  |
| 6. | Add the senses to the Great Lakes – total? |  |
| 7. | Add the Prime Minister’s residence to the sides of a triangle – total? |  |
| 8. | Add the freezing point (Fahrenheit) of water to Love in tennis – total? |  |
| 9. | Add fourscore to a basketball team – total? |  |
| 10. | Add Bluebeard’s wives to the square root of 81 – total? |  |
| 11. | Three women each have 2 daughters. All go to a restaurant . There are only seven vacant seats but each has a seat to herself. Explain. |  |
| 12. | A doctor in London has a brother in Manchester who is a lawyer. But the lawyer in Manchester does not have a brother who is a doctor in London. Explain. |  |
| 13. | Mom and dad have four sons. Each son has one sister. How many are in the family? |  |
| 14. | The name of which film star is an anagram of “Old West Action”? |  |
| 15. | What is the only anagram of the word “Monday”? |  |

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| **PRESENT LAUGHTER** | | |
| **Questions** | | **Answers** |
| 1. | Under what name does comedian Allen Stewart Konigsberg write? |  |
| 2. | What is the name shared by the twin servants in Shakespeare’s play “The Comedy of Errors”? |  |
| 3. | Who wrote “Noises off”, a frenetic farce about staging a frenetic farce, which was first staged in 1982? |  |
| 4. | What is the name of the farm which gives the title to Stella Gibbon’s clever skit on the rural novel? |  |
| 5. | Which playwright wrote “The Philanthropist” which first entertained audiences in 1970? |  |
| 6. | In which northern town have most of Alan Ayckbourn’s plays been premiered? |  |
| 7. | On which American magazine did James Thurber work following his return to the US from Paris in 1926? |  |
| 8. | Who is the author of the comedies “Barefoot in the Park2, “The Odd Couple” and “The Real Thing”? |  |
| 9. | Who, in 1926, dedicated one of his books “To my daughter Leonora, without whose never-failing sympathy and encouragement this book would have been finished in half the time?” |  |
| 10. | Which comic novel of the mid-1950s owes much to the University of Leicester? |  |