

FOUNDATION LEVEL ENGLISH [Certificate/Diploma Levels]
UNSTRUCTURED GAP-FILL [Pair/Group] **EXERCISE – 01**

NAME:**LECTURE GROUP:****SCORE:** /20

Instructions: *Please write your answers (either a word or a phrase) in the space left below, you must discuss the answers with your own group(s) and prepare to tell the Tutor WHY you have chosen that answer ©*

TITLE? _____

Agatha Christie __1__ an English writer who was famous for her detective novels and plays. Among the __2__ names she __3__ been known by were the “Queen of Crime”, the “Queen of Mystery” and the “Queen of Detective Fiction”. She was also the __4__ of the longest running play in theatrical history.

Who was Agatha Christie? Born Agatha Mary Clarissa Miller, in 1890, she was the youngest child __5__ an American father and English mother. Her father died when she was eleven. Agatha was educated at home __6__ the age of fifteen, after __7__ she was sent off to finish school in Paris. __8__ in Paris, she __9__ her talent for singing and playing the piano. She wanted to become a concert pianist but she could not perform well in __10__.

__11__ watching an opera, her ambition was to become an opera singer. However, this too came to a __12__ when a friend who was connected with an opera house told her that her voice was not powerful enough.

It was then that Agatha __13__ writing. Her first __14__ was a short story called ‘The House Of Beauty’. This was quickly __15__ by more short stories and a novel which were all returned unpublished.

In the first year of World War I, Agatha __16__ Archie Christie, an officer in the Royal Flying Corps. Finding __17__ with plenty of free time during the war, she wrote ‘The Mysterious Affair at Styles’ in 1919 and it was __18__ only two years later. Her second published book, ‘The Secret Adversary’ in 1921, received __19__ praise. During the next four years, she became well known as an author of detective __20__ and her famous characters include a Belgian man called Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple, an elderly spinster. Have you ever read any of Agatha Christie’s books?

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