

## PART 2

You are going to read an extract from a short story. For questions 8-15, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

The Swede, his face fresh from the pounding of Johnnie's fist, made his way through the wind and snow to a saloon near the centre of town.

There was a long bar down one side with a bartender behind it. Four men sat at one of the tables. The Swede put his bag on the floor, asked for some whisky, and drank it quickly.

The bartender mentioned the bad weather outside, but the Swede replied that he liked it, it suited him. He drank more whisky, then offered the bartender a drink. The bartender declined, but now felt comfortable enough to ask about the Swede's face. The Swede began to boast loudly: "I thumped the soul out of a man down here at Sally's hotel."

The interest of the four men at the table was at last aroused. "Who was it?" said one. "Johnnie Stully," blustered the Swede. "He will be pretty near dead for some weeks, I can tell you. I made a nice thing of him, I did. He couldn't get up. They carried him into the house. Have a drink?"

The men all felt a sudden reserve toward the Swede. "No, thanks," one said.

The group was made up of two local businessmen, a lawyer, and a gambler. The gambler was with this group because he was respected and trusted. He only took money from people who had it, he had a nice family, and he never acted in an undignified way.

The Swede continued to drink and brag about his fight. He tried to get the bartender to have a drink with him, but the bartender declined. When he asked the men at the table to drink, the bartender tried to quiet him. The men at the table heard all of this. "Thanks. We don't want any more," one said.

The Swede became belligerent. He demanded someone to drink with him. He walked to the table and put his hand on the gambler's shoulder. "How about this?" he asked, wrathfully. "I asked you to drink with me." The gambler simply twisted his head and spoke over his shoulder. "My friend, I don't know you." "Oh hell!" answered the Swede, "come and have a drink." "Now my boy," advised the gambler kindly, "take your hand off my shoulder and go away and mind your own business."

"What? You won't drink with me, you little dude! I'll make you then!" The Swede had grasped the gambler frenziedly at the throat, and was dragging him from his chair. The other men sprang up. The bartender dashed around the corner of his bar. There was a great confusion, then was seen a long blade in the hand of the gambler. It shot forward, and the Swede fell with a cry of supreme astonishment.

The merchants and the lawyer ran out. The bartender looked astonished. "Henry," the gambler said to the bartender, "you tell 'em where to find me. I'll be home waiting for 'em." Then he vanished. A moment afterwards the barkeeper was in the street looking for help.

- 8 What was wrong with the Swede's face?  
 A It had been punched many times.  
 B It was freezing cold.  
 C It looked like Johnnie's fist.  
 D It looked like he needed a whisky.
- 9 Why did the men feel reserved towards the Swede?  
 A They didn't want to drink with him.  
 B They didn't like his attitude.  
 C They were gambling.  
 D The bartender gave them a signal.
- 10 Why was the gambler with such prominent people?  
 A They regarded him highly.  
 B They were playing cards.  
 C They were there on business.  
 D They were afraid of him.
- 11 Why did the bartender try to quiet the Swede when he yelled at the men?  
 A The Swede was carrying a knife.  
 B He knew the men didn't drink.  
 C He wanted to avoid trouble.  
 D They were discussing business.
- 12 How did the gambler respond to the Swede putting his hand on his shoulder?  
 A He was wild with anger.  
 B He didn't feel it right away.  
 C He was afraid.  
 D He was calm.
- 13 Why did the Swede become angry?  
 A The men were ignoring him.  
 B The barman annoyed him.  
 C He hated people who didn't drink.  
 D He felt rejected by the men.
- 14 Why did the merchants and the lawyer run away?  
 A The gambler told them to.  
 B They were afraid.  
 C They went to get help.  
 D They were chasing the gambler.
- 15 Who was the gambler referring to when he said: "I'll be at home waiting for 'em'?"  
 A The authorities.  
 B The merchants and the lawyer.  
 C His family.  
 D Johnnie Stully.