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LEVEL C1  
SUGGESTED ANSWER KEY**

**WRITTEN PAPER–USE OF ENGLISH**

**(40points)**

**I. Read the paragraph below and do the tasks that follow.**

**(10points)**

**A. Answer the following questions, according to the text.**

**(4 points)**

1. It is the best known, the most frequently performed, and the most widely studied of Marlowe's plays; it is an early incarnation of a myth that has been highly influential both in 'high' and in popular culture, etc.
2. By referring to the 1955 musical *Damn Yankees* (where a man sells his soul to become a baseball star) and the film *Bedazzled* (1967), to name just a few of many possible examples. The story has also attracted numerous parodies, such as the 1993 Hallowe'en special of the cartoon *The Simpsons*
3. The German *Historia von D. Johann Fausten*, which appeared in print in 1587.
4. Frustrated with the futility of religion, law and science, Faustus is desperate for a deeper understanding of the universe – and for the worldwide fame that it will bring.

**B. Choose the right synonym for the words below, according to their meaning in the text. (3 points)**

1. b; 2. c; 3. b

**C. Rephrase the following sentences so as to preserve the meaning.**

**(3 points)**

1. The play, **which is known to have been staged in September 1594, had (already) been performed** before that time.
2. Both those **who love theatre and (those who) read passionately are quite familiar with** the plot.
3. Tormented **by doubt as Faustus/he might/may be, he/Faustus** agrees and signs the deal in blood. / Tormented **by doubt though/as he is, he/Faustus** agrees and signs the deal in blood.

**II. Use the word given in brackets to form a word that fits in each gap.**

**(10 points)**

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|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. IRRESPECTIVE;   | 6. PASTIME;     |
| 2. FACTUAL;        | 7. SYMPATHETIC; |
| 3. HISTORICAL;     | 8. ONWARD(S);   |
| 4. RECONSTRUCTION; | 9. NOTABLY;     |
| 5. GUIDELINE;      | 10. ENRICHED    |



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**III. You will read an article about the British writer Wilkie Collins. Match the headings A-H below with the appropriate paragraphs. There are three headings you will not need to use. (10 points)**

1. – H; 2. – F; 3. – E; 4. – A; 5. – D

**IV. Fill in the gaps in the text below with ONE appropriate word in each gap. (10 points)**

1. UP;
2. PLAYED
3. IN/ON;
4. TO;
5. MIGHT/MAY/COULD
6. AMONG/WITH;
7. WHICH;
8. STRIKES/STRUCK
9. EXCHANGE;
10. EITHER.