

## ISE I

### Sample Independent listening task 1 – Charles Dickens

#### Examiner rubric

You're going to hear a talk about a writer called Charles Dickens. You will hear the talk twice. As you listen, write down some notes about what you hear, if you want to. Then, I will ask you six questions on some facts about Charles Dickens. Are you ready?

*The task will play twice.*

Now I will ask you some questions. You only need to answer in a few words.

#### Audio script

Charles Dickens was born in 1812 in Portsmouth, England. Dickens was lucky enough to go to school, but at the age of 12 he had to leave school to work in a factory. After this he worked in a law company and then became a journalist. His first novel was published in 1836. It was called 'The Pickwick Papers'. It was published as a serial which meant people could buy one chapter every month. Dickens became very famous after the success of this novel. During his life he wrote 15 novels and hundreds of short stories. In 1836, Dickens married a woman called Catherine Hogarth. During his marriage to Catherine, they had 10 children together. The Dickens family also had a pet. It was a bird that could talk. As well as writing Dickens also loved the theatre and magic. He once acted in a play in front of the Queen of England, Queen Victoria. Charles Dickens died in 1870 at the age of 58, but his novels are still enjoyed all over the world.

#### Questions and answers

*If the candidate asks, the examiner may repeat the questions once.*

	Question	Answer
1	Where was Charles Dickens born?	England/Portsmouth
2	Where did he work after the factory?	Law company/as a journalist
3	How many novels did he write?	15
4	What kind of pet did he have?	(Talking) bird
5	Who did he act in front of?	Queen Victoria or Queen (of England)
6	What age did he live to?	58