Dan Brown

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Dan Brown, the writer of the Da Vinci Code, is one of the top **novelists** in the world, and millions of people all over the world enjoy his stories.

He was the oldest of three children in his family. His mother was a musician, playing the music in a church. His father was a math teacher, writing **textbooks** and teaching high school math. Dan grew up in such a family full of **religion** and science, so he became interested in codes and keys. **These** all formed the ideas in the stories to lead the readers into the wonderful guessing games.

After he finished his study in the university, he spent time as an English teacher before turning to be a full-time writer. In 1996, his interest in code-breaking led him to write his first novel, Digital Fortress, and it soon became the most popular eBook in the US. The following two novels had little success, but the fourth novel, The Da Vinci Code, sold best, going to the top of the New York Times Best Seller list during its first week of **release** in 2003. Its success helped push his earlier books to sell. In 2004, all of his four novels were on the New York Times best-seller list in the same week. In 2005, he made Time magazine's list of the 100 most important people of the year. The Times reported that he made $250 million from "Da Vinci Code" sales. The Da Vinci Code is now one of the most popular books of all time, with 70 million copies **worldwide** till 2006.

I. Comprehension Check: (5)

1. Which may be the best title of this reading?
    (A) Da Vinci Made The Most Money
    (B) A Worldwide Famous Novelist, Dan Brown
    (C) Dan Brown's Best Way To Make Money
    (D) Da Vinci, The Top Novelist What strange thing happened in the story?

2. What does "**These**" mean in Line 9?
    (A) Readers' real stories in life.   (B) The fantastic guessing games.
    (C) Dan Brown's interests in codes.   (D) Dan Brown's parents' jobs.

3. How many novels did Dan Brown write from 1996 to 2003?

   (A) 2. (B) 3. (C) 4. (D) 5.

4. How popular were Dan's first three novels before The Da Vinci Code came up?

   (A) They all were not so famous and popular.

   (B) The first novel was more popular than the following two.

   (C) Readers did not enjoy the strange style of them.

   (D) They are not good enough, so Dan made the Da Vinci Code better.

5. About *The Da Vinci Code*, which is true?

   (A) It helped Dan's other three novels sell well.

   (B) *The Times* reported that it cost $250 million.

   (C) Of Dan's four novels, it was the only one on the best selling list.

   (D) Because of it, Dan became the richest man of the world.

Answers: B C C B A

II Words for Learning: (10)

EX: **do** (V) – did – done	做	p. 257 (字典裡的頁碼)
I did my homework last night.		(抄字典裡的例句)
1. **novelist** (n.)		p.
2. **textbook** (n.)		p.
3. **religion** (n.)		p.
4. **release** (v., n.)		p.
5. **worldwide** (adv.)		p.

III. 把文章裡的形容詞、副詞的比較級和最高級找出來:(5)

Guiding:

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Dan Brown 官方網站： http://www.danbrown.com/

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● 段考後，我再把試題編成本閱讀與寫作學習單（增加 Ⅱ、Ⅲ）。