

Part C: Reading Comprehension

James Joyce was born on February 2, 1882 in Dublin. He grew up in a large family of 17 children and attended Clongowes Wood College and later Belvedere College in Dublin. A very good student at college, Joyce went on to study languages and philosophy at the Dublin College of the Royal University. He spent a good part of his early life in Ireland, attending to his dying mother. In 1904 Joyce married, and Joyce's first attempt to publish *Dubliners* in 1912 was unsuccessful, and he spent the next several years living in poverty in Zurich. He spent the later years of his life in Paris, where he published such works as *Ulysses*, and in 1939, *Finnegan's Wake*. Joyce died in 1941.

17- Before leaving for Zurich, Joyce

- 1) published *Dubliners*
- 2) studied philosophy
- 3) tried to kill his mother
- 4) taught literature at the Royal University

18- The word "poverty" (line 5) is closest in meaning to

- 1) being poor
- 2) having power
- 3) being famous
- 4) having problems

19- According to the passage, Joyce failed to

- 1) find a job in Paris
- 2) publish *Dubliners* in 1912
- 3) take his wife to Zurich
- 4) write a good novel about Ireland

20- According to the passage, it is NOT true that Joyce

- 1) died in his homeland
- 2) got married in his homeland
- 3) spent many years in Ireland
- 4) studied at three colleges in Ireland