**Activity 01: Listen to the audio track then answer these questions**

1. What is the lecture mainly about?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A How London's life and work are contrasted. |
|  | B How London's life influenced his work. |
| C London's political writings. |
| D London's early adventures.  1 |

2 According to the professor, what effect did the absence of a father have on London?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A It affected his relationship with his mother. |
|  | B It causes him to commit crimes. |
| C It influenced aspects of his writing. |
| D It prepared him for a life of adventure. |

* 3 What does the professor mean when he says this:
* "However, he dropped out after one semester due to a lack of money, and perhaps disillusionment with university life. Any of you feel that way?"

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A He thinks many of the students in the class are poor. |
|  | B He is joking that some of the students may not be happy at college. |
| C He believes that some students are not enjoying the class. |
| D He is implying that some students will imitate London's behaviour. |

* 4 Why does the professor think that London read so many books?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A London wanted to learn from other writers. |
|  | B London was enrolled at a university. |
| C London needed to use other writer's ideas. |
| D London had few ways of gaining real experience. |

* 5 What does the professor imply about London’s success?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A He was immediately successful as a writer. |
|  | B He was successful only in later life. |
| C He worked hard to achieve success. |
| D He never really achieved much success. |

* 6 What does the professor think of London's work?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A Most of London's work was excellent. |
|  | B Most of London's work is careless. |
| C Much of London's work is not very good. |
| D Much of London's work is very modern. |

**Exercise 02: listen again then do the following task**

1. Was London affected by the absence of his father? Justify.

……………………………………………………………………………………..

2. Where did he get most of his knowledge?

……………………………………………………………………………………

3. Why did he drop out of university?

………………………………………………………………………………….

Why was London attracted to socialism?

……………………………………………………………………………….

**EXERCISE 03:fill in the gaps with the appropriate words**

London was born in San Francisco in…………………... In fact, he ……………………………….**who had left his mother before jack was born. Biographers have suggested that ………………………….. at not knowing the** ………. of his real father is clearly shown in ……………….. of many of his books which often deal with the struggle for ………………………….. of the natural and human world. So, i think it's true that we get a feel in his stories that London is often trying to make ……………. of his childhood. As a young man, Jack worked at various jobs; some ……………..and dangerous and often ……………