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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/122/2021_2022__E8_8B_B1_E8_AF_AD_E5_9B_9B_E7_c83_122439.htm Washington Irving was Americas first man of letters to be known internationally. His works were received enthusiastically both in England and in the United States. He was, in fact, one of the most successful writers of his time in either country, delighting a large general public and at the same time winning the admiration of fellow writers like Scott in Britain and Poe and Hawthorne in the United States. The respect in which he was held was partly owing to the man himself, with his warm friendliness, his good sense, his politeness, his gay spirits, his artistic integrity, his love of both the old World and the New. Thackeray described Irving as a "gentleman, who, though himself born in no very high sphere, was most finished, polished, witty, socially the equal of the most refined Europeans". In England he was granted an honorary degree from Oxford---an unusual honor for a citizen of a young, uncultured nation---and he received the medal of the Royal Society of Literature. America made him ambassador to Spain. Irvings background provides little to explain his literary achievements. A gifted but delicate child, he had little schooling. He studied law, but without zeal, and never did practice seriously. He was immune to his strict Presbyterian home environment, frequenting both social gatherings and the theater. 11. What is the most proper comment on Irving? [A] His works were very popular in England and the United States. [B] He was respected by many

fellow writers. [C] His works were of popularity and high quality. [D] He is a gentleman.

12. According to Thacher's description, which of the following statements is NOT TRUE? [A] Irving tried to show elegance in society. [B] Irving's parents were not aristocratic. [C] Irving's social grace was unusual. [D] Irving was inferior to Europeans of refinement.

13. Why is it unusual that Irving was granted an honorary degree from Oxford? [A] Because his degree was honorary, rather than earned. [B] Because he was not so successful as his fellow writers. [C] Because he was from America which was a country with young history and less culture. [D] Because Oxford was a famous university in England.

14. What is true about Irving's background? [A] His background had provided opportunity for his literary achievement. [B] He spent very little time working as a lawyer. [C] As a gifted child, he had received good education. [D] His religious belief helped him a lot.

15. The tone of the author can be said to be _____. [A] serious [B] mild [C] friendly [D] appreciative

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