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FORM 3

ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION

**Read the following text and answer the questions in the main paper.**

I left my friend's house shortly after seven. It was still too early for me to have my evening meal, so I walked along the seafront for about an hour until I began to feel hungry. By that time, I was not far from a favourite restaurant of mine, where I often went to eat, sometimes three times a week. I knew the owner well and frequently complimented him on his excellent cooking. 1  
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I went into the restaurant, which was already crowded, and ordered my meal. While I was waiting for the soup to arrive, I looked around to see if I knew anyone in the restaurant. It was then that I noticed that a man sitting at a corner table near the door kept glancing in my direction, as if he knew me. I certainly did not know him, for I never forget a face. The man had a newspaper open in front of him, which he was pretending to read, though all the while I could see that he was keeping an eye on me. When the waiter brought my soup, the man was clearly puzzled by the familiar way in which the waiter and I addressed each other. He became even more puzzled as time went on and it grew more and more obvious that I was well known in the restaurant. Eventually he got up and went into the kitchen. After a few minutes, he came out again, paid his bill and left without another glance in my direction. 10  
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When I had finished and was about to pay my bill, I called the owner of the restaurant over and asked him what the man had wanted. The owner was a little embarrassed by my question and at first did not want to tell me. I insisted. "Well," he said, "that man was a detective." "Really?" I said, considerably surprised. "He was certainly interested in me. But why?" "He followed you here because he thought you were a man he was looking for," the owner of the restaurant said. "When he came into the kitchen, he showed me a photograph of the wanted man. He certainly looked like you! Of course, since we know you here, I was able to convince him that he had made a mistake." "It's lucky I came to a restaurant where I am known," I said, "otherwise I might have been arrested!" 20  
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