

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

***The Black Cat* by John Milne**

- 1 (a) Egypt. Possible reasons: Cairo is in Egypt./There are many antiquities and ancient buildings and ruins in Egypt so many archeologists work there./The picture shows pyramids which are found in Egypt./The patterns and the cat in the picture look Egyptian./The ancient Egyptians worshipped cats.
 (b) An archeologist investigates ancient buildings and ruins and antiquities to find out more about how people lived in the distant past.
- 2 Student's own answer. Possible answers:
Salahadin has black hair and dark eyes, a moustache and a thin face.
Ahmed has black hair and a wider face than *Salahadin*.
The Taxi driver has black hair and a big moustache. He is wearing a cap. He has not shaved.
Fuad has black hair and a small moustache. He has a long, thin face and is wearing glasses. *Leila* has short, dark hair and dark eyes.
Borkman has fair/blond hair and pale/light-coloured eyes. He has a big face.
- 3 Student's own answer. *Salahadin* is a policeman and is interested in Mr Pearson. A reasonable first paragraph of Chapter 2 would describe *Salahadin* going to or at the Nile Hotel to find out more about Pearson's death.
- 4 (a) *Salahadin* is in Cairo
 (b) *Salahadin's journey*: Beirut – Ba'albek – Beirut – Athens – Venice – Rome – Cairo
 (c) Crosses should appear at all these place names on the map except Ba'albek which is not a city.
- 5 Monday, 11 am: A man carrying a heavy box got into a taxi near the Nile Hotel.
Monday, 7 pm: *Salahadin* telephoned the police at the docks in Alexandria.
Monday, nearly midnight: *Salahadin* got home and read Pearson's notes.
Tuesday, 10.30 am: *Salahadin* arrived at Beirut airport.
Tuesday, 5 pm: *Salahadin* and *Fuad* left *Fuad's house* and drove back to Beirut.
Tuesday, 6 pm: *Salahadin* arrived at the docks in Beirut.
Tuesday, 10 pm: *Salahadin* and *Fuad* arrived home (at *Fuad's house*).
Wednesday, 1 am: *Salahadin* left Beirut by plane for Athens.
Wednesday, 5 am: *Salahadin* arrived in Athens.
Wednesday, 6 am: *Salahadin* went to a café in Piraeus.
Wednesday, 11 am: *Salahadin* went back to the docks.
Wednesday, 12.30 pm: The 'Syria' arrived at the docks.
Wednesday, 5 pm: *Salahadin* got on the 'Syria'.
Wednesday, 8.45 pm: *Salahadin* got back to his own cabin after leaving Peterson's cabin.
Thursday, 11 am: *Salahadin* woke up in his cabin on the 'Syria'.
Thursday, 1 pm: The 'Syria' arrived in Venice.
Friday, 10 am: *Salahadin* arrived back in Cairo by plane from Rome.
- Saturday morning*: *Salahadin* went to the Cairo museum with *Leila* and *Fuad* and the Black Cat.
- 6 (a) and (b) Student's own answer.
 7 Student's own answer.