

Saint John's School

4th Youngsters

Mid-Year Exam 2021

READING (21 points)

Part 1

Questions 1–5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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- A Students must go to the college shop to buy certain items for their studies.
- B Students can take advantage of special offers at the college shop at the moment.
- C Students may visit the college shop at lunchtime every day except Monday.

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Jake is writing to

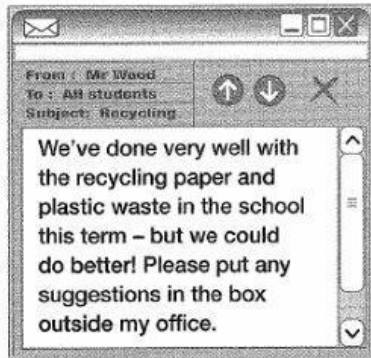
- A suggest a new date for a shopping trip.
- B invite Max to meet one of his relatives.
- C cancel an arrangement he had made.

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- A All the pizzas in the restaurant are included in this offer.
- B Any pizza ordered before 7 p.m. costs less than the usual price.
- C At certain times, a customer can get two pizzas for the price of one.

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- A** Mr Wood has made suggestions on how to recycle waste produced by the school.
- B** Recycling materials should be put into the box outside Mr Wood's office.
- C** Mr Wood wants new ideas on ways to improve waste recycling in the school.

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Mel is texting to

- A** accept Sam's invitation to the cinema.
- B** admit to Sam that she found the film scary.
- C** ask when Sam can see another film with her.

Test 1

Part 2

Questions 6–10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to find a book to read.

On the opposite page there are eight book reviews.

Decide which book would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Ahmed enjoys reading about real people, especially if they tell their own story. He'd like to read a book by someone who's had to deal with difficulties in their life.

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Pritti loves doing all kinds of sport. She'd like to learn as much as possible about top sportspeople from all over the world and how they've managed to achieve their goals.

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Conal loves nature and enjoys writing about it. He wants ideas to help him further develop his writing skills and would love to have a career as a writer.

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Elif likes reading books about adventures. She loves learning about people who did brave things in the past, and how their actions have influenced the way we live today.

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Stefan enjoys travelling and is keen to discover more about other cultures. He also wants to learn how to make typical dishes from a variety of countries.

Book reviews

A Being Me

This book is full of practical advice for anyone who wants to be fit and healthy. Famous sportspeople have contributed their favourite recipes, and you'll also find instructions for a daily exercise routine.

B Endless Days

In this book, the novelist tells the true story of the first pilots to fly across the Atlantic. With plenty of photographs and a detailed discussion of the importance of these events for the modern world, the book successfully brings history to life for readers everywhere.

C Action Plan

Action Plan is all about famous athletes, and there are some amazing photos of them competing. There are also lots of interviews about what they've done to succeed in their careers. You'll find out about things like the food they eat, the number of hours they train, and what they do to prepare for important competitions.

D Memories

The prize-winning author of *Memories* is famous for his unusual writing style and exciting adventure stories. In this book, he takes us on a journey around the world and teaches us a lot about other cultures and their histories. He describes some of the world's most beautiful nature, as well as the many interesting people he has met.

E Days in the Sun

In this book, a well-known author describes his happy early life growing up on a small Irish farm and how travelling around the countryside inspired him to become an author. He describes in detail how he improved his style, and his experiences will interest anyone who is hoping to get their own work published.

F Parrots in Paradise

This newly published adventure story is about a young girl who's lost on a beautiful island with only birds and animals for company. The story deals with some of the difficulties she has, but there's also lots of excitement. If you love well-written fiction, this book's for you!

G Night Light

In *Night Light*, the writer tells us how he became a world-class athlete. He talks about his life as a blind person, and describes the challenges he faced on his way to the top in the world of sports. The book is written in an entertaining and amusing style, which makes it a very enjoyable read.

H Our Lives

This is the perfect book if you're interested in how people live in different parts of the world. It also includes recipes for traditional meals from these places. There are wonderful photos, not only of the people, but also of the wildlife and scenery in each location.

Part 3

Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Cyclist Vicky Harmiston

Reporter Mark Lewis writes about Vicky Harmiston, who has had a successful career as a track cyclist – a cyclist who races on special race tracks.

When Vicky Harmiston was a child, her parents gave her and her brother Jamie the freedom to decide what they did in their spare time. Vicky chose to do lots of different sports. She was a good swimmer, and the coach at the swimming club she went to thought she might be good enough to become a champion. But the club was a long way from her home so it was difficult for her to fit in the training around her schoolwork. When they were teenagers, Jamie, who loved cycling, bought himself a special track-racing bike and started taking part in competitions. Vicky thought it looked very exciting and decided to try it for herself. She says that was the best decision she ever made. Soon she was cycling every day and doing really well. The track was near her school, which meant it was no problem for her to attend training sessions after school every day.

Vicky went on to have a successful career in track cycling and won several competitions. Then, when she was 28, she retired from competitive cycling. Vicky told me: 'For years I'd loved winning competitions but I began to get a bit tired of the whole thing – and when the excitement stops, there's no point. Luckily, I went on to have a new career.'

Vicky got a job with a charity called CycleZone. 'We work with young people who have never enjoyed sport,' she says. 'The first thing we do is teach them to ride a bike. We want them to learn to believe in themselves and their own abilities. CycleZone does a great job, and it gets young people together so they're part of a wider group.'

The charity uses celebrities to advertise the work they do. Vicky says, 'I know some people aren't sure whether the support of a celebrity is always positive for a charity. They say the celebrities are only doing it to push themselves forward, which prevents the public from seeing the real work of the charity. But if famous singers and actors, for example, can help, I think they should.'

- 11 When Vicky first started cycling
- A she had a very good coach.
 - B her parents gave her helpful advice.
 - C she could get to a race track easily.
 - D her brother gave her a great bike.
- 12 Why does Vicky say she stopped cycle racing?
- A She felt she was too old to do it.
 - B She was becoming bored with it.
 - C She had won everything she wanted.
 - D She was preparing for a new career.
- 13 What does the charity CycleZone do for young people?
- A It teaches them how to do track racing.
 - B It supports those who have talent.
 - C It offers them the chance to try a variety of sports.
 - D It helps them become more confident.
- 14 According to Vicky, some people believe that celebrities can
- A take attention away from what a charity does.
 - B help people understand a charity's work.
 - C make the public care less about a charity.
 - D encourage more people to become involved with a charity.
- 15 What would Vicky say on her blog?

A

As a child, I always knew what I wanted to do when I grew up. But I never expected to become so famous.

B

If you join CycleZone, you'll get to meet celebrities and learn how they've become successful.

C

Although track cycling is not the only sport I've been good at, I've never regretted my choice of career.

D

In my spare time I love going to schools and helping groups of children learn to ride bikes.

Part 6

Questions 27–32

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

Moving house

Hi Alex,

How are you? This week's been a very busy one for me – I finally moved house!

(27) wasn't until I started to pack a few days ago that I realised how much stuff I had. I really think moving house is one of the (28) stressful things I've ever done! I was sad to leave my old house – after (29), I'd lived there my whole life so I have lots of good memories.

Anyway, I'm looking (30) to being in this new house. It's not as big as the old one, but (31) least it's got a great garden. I'm planning to have a small party on Saturday night. Are you free then? Why don't you come along (32) you are? I hope you can make it. Let me know.

All the best,

Sam