

READING

Part 1 - Questions 1 to 5: Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Mark the correct letter A, B or C on your answer sheet.

1. ☐ Jennie,

The garage rang - your new tyres have arrived. They can't fit them until next week. Please let them know today which day will be convenient.

Jennie has to

A ask another garage to fit her tyres.

B arrange a time for the garage to fit the new tyres.

C collect the new tyres from the garage.

2. ☐ Would anyone who knows anything about the damaged window in the school library please report to my office before the end of the day. Mrs Swan

What does Mrs Swan want to do today?

A repair damage done to the library

B discover how a window got broken

C find out who uses the library

3. ☐ FOR SALE – Gremlins computer games (ages 8 and above) – Unwanted gift – Box unopened – Call: 282137

A The owner of the computer game that is for sale has never used it.

B The computer game is for sale because the owner is too old for it.

C The person selling the computer game no longer wants to play with it.

4. ☐ Students have free internet access until midday on weekdays and all days at weekends.

A There is a charge for internet access at weekends.

B Students must always pay to use the internet in the afternoons.

C It doesn't cost anything to use the internet on weekday mornings.

5. ☐ Guess who I met on this mountain! My tennis hero! I was breathless because of the climb, so unfortunately couldn't speak to ask him for a photo of us together. - Amanda

Amanda regrets that she

A didn't recognise her tennis hero from his photo.

B couldn't climb high enough to photograph her tennis hero.

C didn't have her photograph taken with her tennis hero.

Part 2 - Questions 6 to 10: The people below are all visiting the same city in Britain and want to find a suitable hotel. There are eight hotels. Decide which hotel would be the most suitable for the following people. For questions 6-10, mark the correct letter (A-H) on your answer sheet.

6 ☐ Stephen is looking for a top-quality hotel which is convenient for the airport, to hold a meeting with visiting German publishers. They will stay overnight and want to take some exercise outdoors after the meeting.

7 ☐ Karl and Monika want to stay in the city centre overnight at a hotel offering good local food. The next morning they plan to see the main sights. They are not worried about the cost of the hotel.

8 ☐ James and Denise want a modern, medium-priced hotel in the city, but will eat out during their stay. They also want to see some films in the evenings, somewhere near their hotel.

9 ☐ David and Katrina have just started work after leaving college and haven't got much money, so they want a reasonably priced hotel. They like country walks and watersports.

10 ☐ Sue and Belinda want to stay somewhere in the city centre that offers a variety of evening entertainment within the hotel, including live music.

HOTELS

A The Salisbury Hotel is a top hotel with a health club, swimming pool, shops and a fully-equipped business centre. Within the hotel are three international restaurants, one with a French chef. The hotel is conveniently located close to the motorway, though airport users should allow plenty of time because traffic is usually heavy.

B The Cumberland Hotel is well placed for sightseeing on a busy city street, in a district which is full of interesting shops. Rooms are expensive but comfortable and the hotel serves excellent food, typical of the area. A piano player entertains guests every night in the bar.

C The Rathmore Hotel offers good value accommodation, with wonderful English food in the restaurant. The hotel is well known for its small orchestra which plays while guests have dinner. It is on the eastern edge of the city but special sightseeing buses are available to take guests into the centre (the trip takes over an hour in traffic).

D The Russell Hotel is close to the airport, and has quiet, comfortable rooms. However, the journey to the city centre can take time, and prices are above average. Delicious local food is served in the restaurant, and its conference rooms and business facilities are excellent. The hotel is surrounded by woodland, offers a golf course, and there are pleasant walks around the nearby lake.

E The newly-built **Aviemore Hotel** is small but in the centre of the city's cinema, restaurant and nightclub district. Rooms are clean, comfortable and reasonably priced, although the food is rather basic. There is an electronic games arcade in the hotel.

F The Padnal is an older hotel in the heart of the city, with ground-floor rooms opening onto a country-style garden. Prices are reasonable. There is a sports centre and a small cinema and nightclub. A band performs every evening in the hotel restaurant, where excellent French food is served. Airport buses pick up from the hotel.

G The Westmore Hotel is in beautiful countryside to the east of the city. It is peaceful and inexpensive, although the accommodation is basic. There are opportunities nearby for sailing and diving, and a lot of interesting routes to explore on foot.

H Although the prices at the **Grange Hotel** are higher than at many city-centre hotels, it has a lot to offer. It shares a modern complex with nightclubs, cinemas, shops and conference facilities, 20 kilometres west of the centre. Trains run from the nearby railway station to the city centre and the airport, although journeys can take up to an hour.

Part 3 - Questions 11 to 20: Look at the sentences below about tourist flights over the continent of Antarctica. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, write **A**, if it is not correct, write **B**.

- 11 ☐ Sightseeing flights to Antarctica are available for a limited period each year.
- 12 ☐ You may have to book a flight without being certain when it will happen.
- 13 ☐ Passengers have views of Antarctic scenery for more than half their flight.

- 14 ☐ Passengers can speak to people who have experience of working in Antarctica.
- 15 ☐ Special video equipment operates during the whole flight.
- 16 ☐ People are asked to stay sitting down so that everybody can see better.
- 17 ☐ There is an advantage in sitting on one particular side of the plane.
- 18 ☐ Before departure, the pilot chooses between a number of possible routes.
- 19 ☐ A special attraction of the trip is having clear views of Antarctic wildlife.
- 20 ☐ Passengers have the chance to put on clothes designed for travel in Antarctica.

ANTARCTICA SIGHTSEEING FLIGHTS WEBSITE

Next flight 31 December!

GALLERY Welcome to the website Here is all you need to know before booking a flight.

FLIGHT FACTS During the brief Antarctic summer, Antarctica Sightseeing Flights takes tourists in a fullsize passenger plane (Boeing 747) from Sydney, Australia, over the continent of Antarctica and back.

FLIGHT DATES Flight dates for next year are not definite yet, but if you make a booking now, your deposit is transferable if we need to change the day.

PRICES

Questions

These are answers to the most frequently asked questions about Antarctica Sightseeing Flights.

How long is the flight?

The average flight is 12 hours About four hours into the flight, we usually see the first sea ice and icebergs. We spend four hours over Antarctica and the remaining time travelling home. On the way to and from the continent. Antarctica experts who have lived on scientific research stations there give talks on the environment and history, and answer questions. A camera next to the pilot, which is linked to the video system on board, gives you a pilot's eye view throughout, from take-off to landing.

Will I get a seat next to a window?

All passengers are given two boarding passes. At the halfway point of the flight, passengers are asked to move to the seat shown on their second boarding pass. Business and first class passengers will have a window seat for half of the flight and a next-to window seat for the other half. Economy passengers will have a window seat or the seat next to a window seat for half of the flight and an end of row seat for the other half of the flight. While over Antarctica, we encourage passengers to get up from their seats and move about the plane, allowing every one to share the sightseeing opportunities. The pilot flies in long 'figure 8s' over various points of interest to allow these amazing sights to be seen equally well from both sides of the plane.

What happens if the weather is bad?

We have 17 different approved flight plans. Our captain looks at the satellite cloud picture on the morning of the flight and selects the direction which promises the clearest views.

Will I see penguins and other wildlife?

As most Antarctic wildlife lives at sea level, over 3,000 metres below the plane, we can't see them in any detail. We do not land on Antarctica, primarily for environmental reasons. To experience Antarctic wildlife, you would need to join a boat tour.

Can I take photographs?

Definitely! All cameras are welcome. We even provide a few fun onboard photo opportunities where you can experience what it is like to wear Antarctic cold weather clothes.

Book now!

Part 4 - Questions 21 to 25: Read the text and questions below. For each question, write the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Maria Mutola

Former 800 metres Olympic champion

In 1988, Maria Mutola was playing football as the only girl in an all-boys team in a local competition in Mozambique. 'We won/ she said. 'At first no one thought it was a problem that I was a girl. But then the team we beat complained.'

The story appeared in a local newspaper and Jose Craveirinha, who had encouraged other African athletes, learnt about Maria. He went to meet her and found her kicking a ball around outside the football club. He realised immediately that she was fast. 'He talked to me about athletics. I had no idea what he meant. The only sport I knew about was football. Then he bought me running shoes and took me training. It was such hard work and my legs really ached.' But Jose visited her parents and persuaded them she could be successful and this would help end their poverty. They agreed to let him take her away to train.

In 1991, she finally accepted an invitation to train in the United States. She had refused previously because she knew she would miss her family. Her background was unlike those of the girls she met in the US. She explains, 'They were good athletes but, while I worried about my parents having enough to eat, they worried about dresses and make-up. They knew very little about me and even less about my problems. But I knew I was lucky to be there. The trainers were brilliant and I learnt a lot.'

Today, Maria still runs and for most of the year she lives happily in South Africa with her mother.

21 ☐ What is the writer trying to do in the text?

A persuade more Africans to take up athletics

B describe how Maria became a top athlete

C give information about Mozambique

D explain how Maria manages to stay fit

22 ☐ Jose Craveirinha found out about Maria when

A he went to watch a local football competition.

B she was blamed for her team losing a football competition.

C he saw an article about her role in a football match.

D people complained about another member of her football team.

23 ☐ When Jose first introduced Maria to athletics, she

A didn't know what was involved.

B was worried about being injured.

C was keen to learn everything he knew.

D didn't think her family would approve.

24 ☐ What does Maria say about the girls she met in the United States?

A They did not make full use of their abilities.

B Their training programmes were less demanding than hers.

C They did not show enough respect for the trainers.

D Their experiences of life were very different from hers.

25 ☐ What would Maria say about her life?

A Jose has made all my dreams possible. From the first day we met, I was certain I wanted to become a top athlete.

B My life hasn't always been easy but I've had many opportunities. Running is important to me and so is my family.

C I regret becoming involved in athletics. It was horrible leaving Mozambique and my parents. I'd like to go back to football.

D The US has some wonderful training facilities, so I'm glad that I agreed to go when I was first offered the chance.

Part 5 - Questions 26 to 35: Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, C or D.

HONEY

Honey is a sweet liquid (0) by bees. It (26) of water and sugars. Bees may travel as (27) as seventy-five thousand kilometres and visit over two million flowers to produce just half a kilo of honey. The colour and flavour of honey depend (28) the type of flower visited. In (29), there are more than three hundred (30) of honey.

The lighter-coloured ones are generally milder in flavour than darker honey.

In ancient (31), honey was the main sweet food, as sugar was very (32) Honey was of great (33) to the ancient Egyptians, who used it as payment.

Today, honey is produced and eaten in (34) part of the world. Research suggests that it prevents tiredness and improves athletic performance. However, honey is not just food - it (35) be taken for sore throats and is used in many skin and hair-care products.

0	<u>A made</u>	B turned	C done	D put
26 ☐	A involves	B contains	C includes	D consists
27 ☐	A well	B long	C soon	D far
28 ☐	A to	B on	C for	D with
29 ☐	A case	B order	C fact	D place
30 ☐	A varieties	B collections	C sets	D differences
31 ☐	A seasons	B times	C years	D dates
32 ☐	A distant	B rare	C small	D slim
33 ☐	A cost	B price	C value	D charge
34 ☐	A all	B some	C most	D every
35 ☐	A shall	B need	C can	D ought