IELTS READING TEST
(Mindset Foundation)

Name: _____ **Class:** _____

PART 1: Read about professional runner Rosa Martinez and where she goes on holiday. Then complete the exercise.

A As a famous runner, I do a lot of travelling as part of my job. Last year I did races in London, New York, Paris and Dubai. I also went to Thailand for a big sports event, which was an amazing experience. However, when I have time to take a holiday, I love going to my aunt and uncle's house in the south of Spain. I go there for two weeks every summer with my whole family. My aunt and uncle bought the house when I was very young, and I still remember the summers I spent there when I was a child. It is a beautiful house and my favorite place to stay in the whole world.

B The house is just outside a small village and it is close to the mountains and the sea. It is more than 100 years old. In the past, it was a farm with horses, chickens and sheep. There are no animals there now, but there is still a lot of land, so the house has a really big garden. In the garden, there is a barbecue area, and we often have dinner there in the summertime. There are fruit trees, vegetables and a lot of flowers. We don't need a swimming pool, because the house is so close to the sea. We always spend a lot of time at the beach when we go there in the summer.

C All of the rooms are large and pretty. On the ground floor, there is a big kitchen and living room, a bathroom and one bedroom. Upstairs there is one large bedroom with its own small bathroom. You can see the mountains from this bedroom. There are two more bedrooms where you can see the sea. My favorite bedroom is the first one on the left when you go up the stairs. I used to stay there when I was a child. It has a seat in the window where I like to sit and read books or write letters.

D The style of the house is very traditional. There is a very large dinner table in the kitchen, so that the whole family can sit down and eat together. The living room has comfortable chairs and a large television screen. We often watch films or play games there in the evenings. My uncle made a lot of the furniture himself. He made the tables and chairs in the kitchen and all the beds. The walls are all painted in different shades of green and blue to look like the sea. My aunt loves to paint and does beautiful paintings of the mountains and the sea in the area. There are many of these paintings on the walls.

E The house is close to some of the most beautiful countryside in the area, and it is possible to walk to some of the best beaches, where there are not many people. In fact, we sometimes have the whole beach to ourselves! The village is a short walk or bicycle ride from the house, and you can find some lovely cafés and restaurants in the main square. I often go canoeing, horse riding and hiking nearby. It is great to get away from the city and relax in nature.

Match the information with the correct paragraph, write A, B, C, D or E in the box:

1. Some outdoor activities that Rosa likes doing
2. Rosa's favorite place to sleep
3. The history of the house
4. The furniture in the house
5. Rosa's favorite place to go on holiday
6. Where Rosa's family spend time in the evening
7. Places to eat near the house
8. Rosa's aunt's hobby
9. Rosa's job

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PART 2: Read the letter from Rachel to her pen friend Susie. Then complete the exercise.

Dear Susie,

Thank you for your letter. I'm writing to tell you about the sports I enjoy doing. I like playing tennis and swimming, but my favorite sport is cycling. I got my first bike when I was 8, and I started cycling to school with my sister, Helen, when I was 12. Now my sister goes to a different school, so I ride to school with my friend Laura. At the weekend, I often go cycling in the countryside with my parents and Helen. We cycle all day and take a picnic for lunch. We go cycling in winter and summer, but I prefer cycling in winter because the countryside looks pretty. I like taking photos on my phone of the trees and animals.

I also go on cycling holidays with my family. We usually go to the north of England, but last summer, we went to the mountains in the south of Spain. We all enjoyed cycling in the day and going to restaurants in the evenings. It was sometimes difficult to cycle in Spain. It was not difficult to cycle in the mountains because we had mountain bikes, but the weather was very hot, so we got quite tired. I would like to go cycling in Spain again next summer, but my parents want to go cycling in Scotland.

I also cycle for my school team. My friend Laura joined the team two years ago, and I joined last year. We race against cyclists from other schools. Last year, I won second prize in the 10 km race. I was really happy, but next year I will try to win first prize.

In your next letter, please tell me about the sports you like. What is your favorite sport? Are you in a team?

Hope to hear from you soon.
Best wishes,
Rachel

Complete the sentences with words from the letter. Write ONE WORD ONLY in each gap.

1. Rachel favorite sport is _____.
2. She got her first bike when she was _____ .
3. She often goes cycling with her parents at the _____ .
4. In the summer, Rachel's family normally go cycling in _____ .
5. Next year, her parents do not have the same wish to cycle in _____ as hers.
6. It was sometimes difficult to cycle in Spain because it was _____ .
7. She is on the cycling _____ at school.
8. Rachel would like to know about the _____ Susie likes.
9. She would also like to know if Susie is in a _____.

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PART 3: Read the text about a famous fun park. Drag and drop the headings to the paragraphs A–E.

1. **Different times of year**
2. **How to visit**
3. **Things to do**
4. **What is Tivoli Gardens?**
5. **Why is it so popular?**

A _____

Tivoli Gardens is a fun park in Copenhagen, the capital city of Denmark. The park was built a very long time ago in 1843. In the past, Tivoli Gardens had many famous visitors, including the Danish children's writer Hans Christian Andersen and the American filmmaker Walt Disney. Today, the fun park is still one of the most popular places for tourists to visit in Copenhagen and people who are both young and old enjoy visiting the park every day of year.

B _____

There are a lot of popular things to do for tourists to Tivoli Gardens. It is most famous for its rides. The oldest ride in the park was built in 1914, and people can still ride on it today. One quite scary ride is called 'vertigo' and it travels at 100 km per hour. This ride won the prize for the Best Ride of 2014. There are also many restaurants, where people can eat food from all over world. There are many old buildings and the beautiful gardens are a very good place to relax.

C _____

Many people ask the same question about Tivoli Gardens – how does it still get so many visitors after all these years? One reason why so many people love Tivoli Gardens is because there is something there for everyone. Some of riders are old, and others are new. Some riders are scary and other are relaxing. The rides are not just popular with children. Adults enjoy them too because they make them think about when they were young. Is has beautiful buildings and gardens, and colored lights at night time, so people feel relaxed and happy.

D _____

Tivoli Gardens is open all year, and there are different things to see and do all year round. In spring, visitors can enjoy the beautiful flowers in the gardens. In summer, the park is open until late, and there are dance shows. There are pumpkins, spiders and witches for Halloween, and in winter there are many colored lights on the trees and a market. It is a popular place to go celebrate the New Year, when there are fireworks at midnight.

E _____

There are two different types of ticket that visitors can buy to visit Tivoli Gardens. They can pay to enter the gardens and pay for rides later, or they can pay a little more for a ticket which includes as many rides as they like. This is generally the best ticket to choose, as it saves spending a lot of extra money on rides. If guests have a Copenhagen visitor card, they can enter the Garden for free. People can buy tickets at the gardens or on the internet.

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PART 4: Read a leaflet from a sports center about sports activities. Then complete the exercise.

Would you like to feel fitter, healthier and happier? Come to Mountain View Sports Centre. We have a variety of sports and fitness activities, new facilities and good prices. The Sports Centre is open from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

You can exercise in one of our gyms, take a swimming class, do exercises classes and yoga in our new fitness rooms or join our tennis club. You can even book a session with a personal trainer. The center has very new facilities, including two gyms, one swimming pool for children and one for adults, ten exercise rooms, five tennis courts and a café serving healthy snacks and fresh juices.

If you want to save money, you can buy a monthly pass, which costs £200 a month, or you can pay each time you use the facilities. The gym costs £4.00 for a session, the swimming pool £5.00, and exercise classes are £6.00. Lower prices are available for children and people over 60.

Complete the summary with one word or a number.

Mountain view Sports Center

Opening hours

Monday to Friday :7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

_____ and _____ : 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Facilities

_____ gyms

_____ swimming pool

Adult's swimming pool

_____ exercise rooms

Five _____ courts

Café

Prices

Monthly pass: £ _____ per month

Gym session: £ _____

Swimming pool: £5.00

_____ classes: £6.00

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PART 5: Read the leaflet about a language school for children. Choose True, False or Not Given.

Would you like your son or daughter to speak another language? At Languages for Kids we offer classes on Saturday mornings in French and Spanish, and in Chinese and Japanese on Saturday afternoons. The classes are taught by qualified teachers who are first language speakers. The lessons are fun and enjoyable for children. There are no grammar exercises, but there are a lot of chances for children to speak the language. They play games, sing songs and even try food from the country of the language they are learning.

We have classes for children between the ages of 4 and 11. The morning classes start at 10:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m., and the afternoon classes start at 1:00 p.m. and finish at 5:00 p.m. Every week the children will do some homework to help them to practise the language they are learning. It is not difficult and it will not take more than half an hour. At the end of the year, we will write a report for each child to let you know how much they have improved in their language. If you would like to find out more information, please go to our website.

	True	False	Not Given
1 The language classes take place at the weekend.	○	○	○
2 there are Spanish classes in the afternoons.	○	○	○
3 The children study a lot of grammar in the language classes.	○	○	○
4 The children often play games outside.	○	○	○
5 Some classes finish at 1: 00 p.m.	○	○	○
6 The children have to do homework every week.	○	○	○
7 The classes are too difficult for some children.	○	○	○
8 Parents can find out more about the classes online.	○	○	○

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