DIAGNOSTIC TEST – LEVEL B1 1st BGU

NAME: _____

READING – COMPREHENSION

- **Read the article and choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.**

My unusual hobby

16-year-old Bridget Peters writes about her hobby, making soap sculptures

I have a slightly unusual hobby – you probably only use it to wash your face or hands, but I make small sculptures out of soap. I'm a bit of an expert these days, having read about it in many different books, and I've even managed to get several friends interested in doing it. I didn't even know people made sculptures from soap until I found a short online film about it by accident and thought it was something I'd like to try. More people are becoming interested these days and a documentary has even been made about it.

It's especially popular in a country called Thailand. They often make sculptures of flowers there so I decided to try that. Although I've seen sculptures of many other things since, like birds, flowers seemed like the best thing to start with. I wasn't expecting my first sculpture to be brilliant, but I surprised myself with how good it was. I felt more confident about trying other things after my family told me how good it looked. It took quite a long time, and I didn't really have the right tools, but I enjoyed making it.

After lots of practice, I became quite good and had my first exhibition when I was fifteen. It went extremely well, even though the place where it was held was rather small. I made some nice posters with photos of my designs on, and put them up wherever I could. So although very few people had heard of soap sculpture, they could see exactly what it was. The posters worked, because lots of people came. We'd only just finished putting the sculptures in place when the first people arrived.

Lots of people ask me why I don't try making sculptures using stone or metal. It's never really attracted me, though. I prefer learning by doing rather than going to classes, so I can't see me ever doing a degree in sculpture but I'd love to show people how to create the kinds of things I make. Everything I do is small, because soap is hard to work with once it goes past a certain size. Whatever happens, I'm sure I'll love my hobby for years to come.

1. Bridget first became interested in soap sculptures when she
A. read about it in a book.
B. saw a video on it on the internet.
C. watched a TV programme about it.
D. learnt about it from someone she knows.

2. How did Bridget feel about the first soap sculpture she made?
A. disappointed with the quality
B. unsure she'd chosen the right design
C. surprised by how easy it was to make
D. pleased by what other people said about it

3. Why does Bridget think her first exhibition was a success?
A. It was organised so long before the event.
B. The gallery was so good.
C. She had advertised it well.
D. Soap sculpture had become popular.

4. In the future, Bridget would like to
A. teach sculpture to others.
B. study sculpture at university.
C. make larger soap sculptures.
D. D create sculptures in other materials.

5. What would Bridget's best friend say about her?
A. Bridget never talks about her hobby much to me or her other friends. She really loves it though and wants to continue doing it.
B. I was amazed how good the sculptures were at Bridget's little exhibition last year. Even the poster for it was beautiful.
C. I think Bridget's starting to get bored of making things with soap, but she's looking forward to using metal instead.
D. Now she's got the right equipment, Bridget's sculptures are actually really good. The first one was a bit of a disaster, though.

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GRAMMAR

- **Mark the correct answer to fill the blank based on the statements.**

6. My friends … busy because they are on holiday.

A. isn't
B. don't
C. aren't

7. (A) … they fix their bicycles? (B) Yes, they ….

A. Did / did
B. Were / did
C. Did / fixed

8. They wanted to … the new action movie but there were no more tickets.

A. see
B. saw
C. seeing

9. Why are we waiting? Who … for?

A. we are waiting
B. are we waiting
C. we wait

10. (A) … you going to join us? (B) Yes, I ….

A. Are / am
B. Are / are
C. Do / do

11. You … so tired tomorrow if you go to bed earlier.

A. will be
B. won't be
C. will

12. (A) … your teacher graded the tests(B) Yes, she ….

A. Has / has
B. Has / have
C. Have / graded

13. I needed to know what _____ to my dog.

A. has happened
B. had happened
C. happened

LISTENING – COMPREHENSION

- **You are going to listen to an interview with Gregory, a teenager who has already been to forty countries. For questions 7–12, choose the answer (A, B or C) which fits best according to what you hear.**

14. When did Gregory's family begin visiting other countries?

A. When the local school shut.
B. After they received some money.
C. When his mum and dad found new jobs.

15. Gregory thought that Japan

A. was a difficult country to travel in.
B. gave him important new feelings.
C. had fewer activities than his own country.

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16. How did Gregory continue his education while he was travelling for a year?

A. His parents taught him.
B. He took school books with him.
C. He used the internet and his experiences.

17. Gregory says that travelling has allowed him to

A. learn to be more careful.
B. make lots of close friends.
C. become more independent.

18. What kind of country does Gregory like visiting most?

A. One that has a friendly atmosphere.
B. One which has famous places to visit.
C. One where he can speak the language.

19. What advice does Gregory give teenage travellers?

A. Don't be frightened of travelling.
B. Take plenty of things to do with you.
C. Try not to spend to too long in one place

WRITING – STRUCTURES & VOCABULARY

- **Choose the best words to complete this advertisement.**

Come To The Greatest Rock Concert!

Monday, June 16, at 8 o'clock in the _____ auditorium, "The _____ of Music," a new _____ , will be appearing, featuring _____ Barry Jameson, _____ singer.

The group will be performing their new song, " _____ Blues."

Tickets at the door: $5

20. lead

21. Professor

22. rock band

23. Examination

24. science

25. Institute

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