

Part 3

Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Basketball player

Luka Horvat writes about his early career.

My dad was a professional basketball player in Germany, as his father had been before him, and I went to watch many of his games when I was a kid. You might think that seeing so many matches would give me a love of the sport, but it actually had the opposite effect. I loved telling my friends how good my dad was, of course, especially when he won a game, but I used to take a book with me to read instead of watching.

Starting secondary school, I was still two years away from being a teenager but was already two metres tall. Seeing my height, my sports teacher asked if I'd be interested in training with the basketball team. Even though I enjoyed the session, I thought I'd need to develop my skills before I took part in a real match, but the teacher had more confidence in me than I did. It took me a while to agree, but a few weeks later I found myself playing against a team from another school. Mum and Dad coming to watch didn't really help – it made me more nervous. But it was OK in the end!

For the next four years, I practised every day and did really well, even joining an adult team before I moved abroad to a special sports academy in the USA when I was fifteen. The coach there trains Olympic basketball players, and it was fantastic to work with him. However, I can't say I enjoyed my first experience of living far from my parents. At home, I'd never been able to spend much time with my friends due to all the training, so that wasn't such a change for me. I got used to everything about my new life in the end, though, and my English improved quickly too!

I turned professional at the age of eighteen, three years after arriving in the USA. I'd been taller than most players in the professional league since I was fifteen, but had been much too light for my height, so had to get that right first. My coach already knew a team that would take me while I was still at college, so I joined them and have never regretted it.

11 What does Luka say about his childhood?

A He had a great interest in basketball.
B He enjoyed watching his father play basketball.
C He felt proud of his father's success at basketball.
D He knew he wanted to become a basketball player.

12 How did Luka feel before his first match at secondary school?

A He wasn't sure that he would do well.
B He was pleased that his parents would be there.
C He wasn't happy about his teacher's attitude.
D He was delighted to be part of the team.

13 Luka thinks the most difficult thing about moving to the USA was

A learning a new language.
B being away from his family.
C getting a good coach.
D missing his friends.

14 What did Luka have to do before he became a professional player?

A complete his studies
B find a suitable team
C reach a certain height
D put on weight

15 What would be a good way to introduce this article?

A Luka Horvat has always been as interested in reading as in basketball. Here, in his own words, he explains why.

B Luka Horvat tells us how he became the latest member of a sporting family to become a professional basketball player.

C Professional basketball player Luka Horvat explains how luck has been so much more important than hard work in his career.

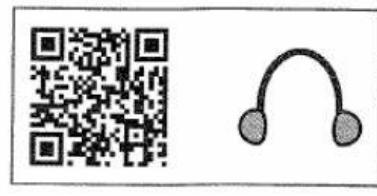
D Even though he only started playing basketball as a teenager, Luka Horvat still managed to become a professional by the age of eighteen.

LISTENING (approximately 30 minutes)

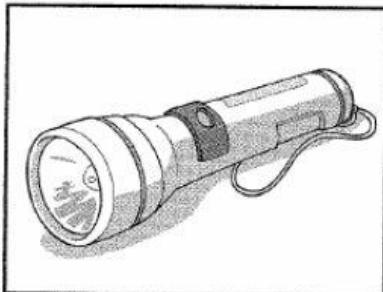
Part 1

Questions 1–7

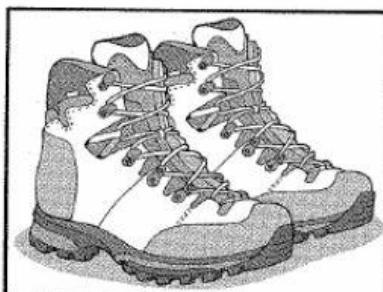
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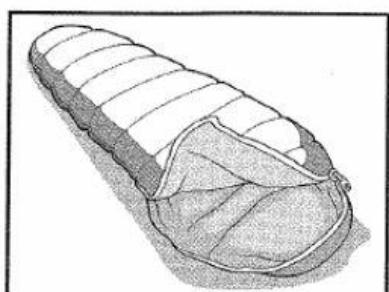
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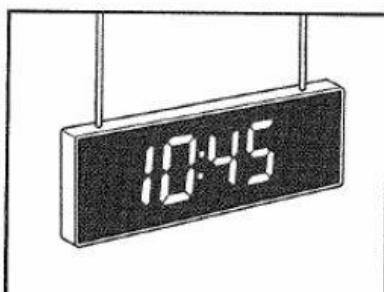


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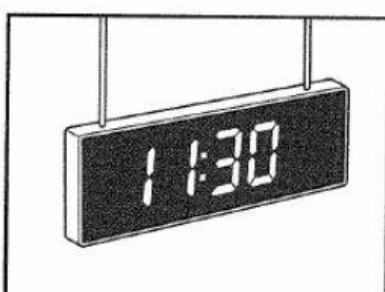


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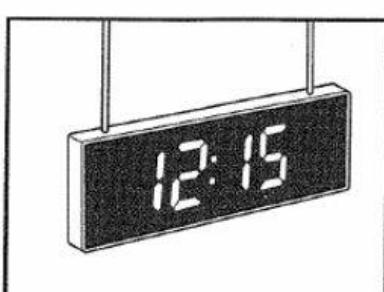
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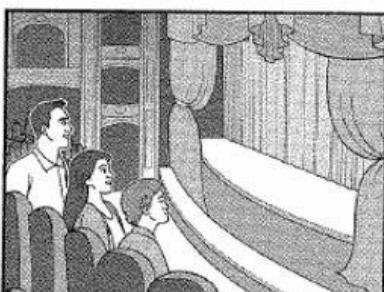


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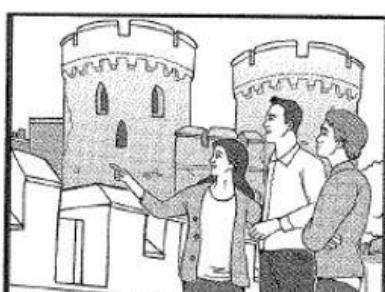


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3 Where did the family go at the weekend?



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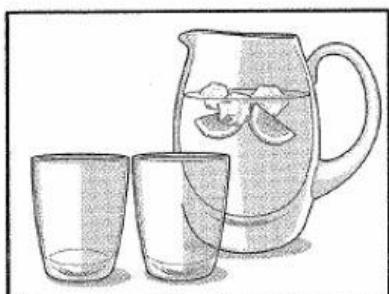


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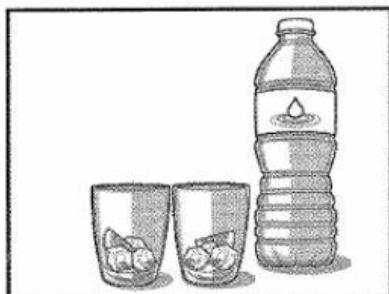


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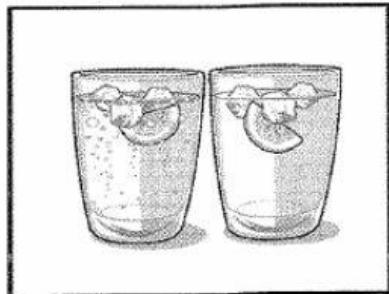
4 What are the man and woman going to order?



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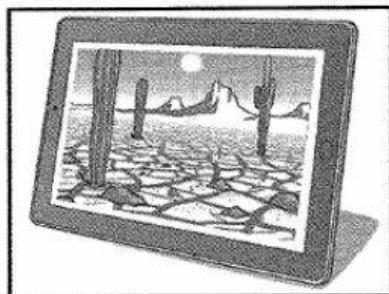


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5 Which photograph did the man take?



A



B



C

6 How does the man suggest his friends should travel to the concert?



A

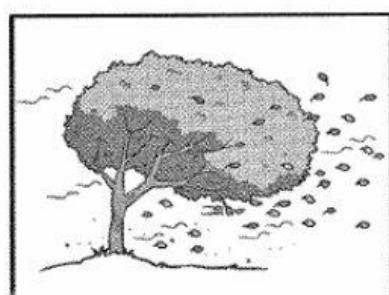


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C

7 What is the weather forecast for the north this morning?



A



B



C

Part 2

Questions 8–13

For each question, choose the correct answer.



8 You will hear a boy telling a friend about plans for his birthday. How does he feel about the plans he's made?

A annoyed that some of his friends don't want to come
B disappointed that he can't invite more friends
C worried that it might be boring for his friends

9 You will hear two friends talking about a football match they went to. They both think that

A the crowd was smaller than usual.
B the match was quite boring.
C the referee made some bad decisions.

10 You will hear a man telling his friend about a skiing holiday. How did he feel during the holiday?

A upset that he was injured
B embarrassed by his skiing ability
C angry that his friends put photos online

11 You will hear two friends talking about cars. The woman thinks the best way to get information about new cars is from

A advertisements.
B TV programmes.
C internet reviews.

12 You will hear a woman telling a friend about a singing competition.
What does the woman say about it?

A Judging it is the easiest part.
B It is taking a long time to organise it.
C She would love to perform in it.

13 You will hear a woman talking to a friend about her recent move to a city.
How does the woman feel about it?

A pleased about a surprising health benefit
B glad that she has met friendly people
C satisfied with her local area

Part 3

Questions 14–19

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap.
Write **one or two words** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.



You will hear a woman called Kelly Robinson talking about her work as a maker of cartoon films.

The maker of cartoon films

Kelly did a degree in (14) at university.

Kelly really enjoys going to work because of the (15) at the company.

Kelly's department is responsible for creating (16) in cartoons.

At the moment Kelly is trying to develop her (17) skills.

It takes Kelly's company (18) to make a full-length cartoon film.

Kelly's next project will be some cartoons for a (19)

Part 4**Questions 20–25**

For each question, choose the correct answer.



You will hear an interview with a girl called Rosie Banks, who swims in international competitions.

20 Rosie swam a lot when she was very young because

- A** her father thought it was an important skill.
- B** she wanted to be like her brother.
- C** there were free classes at her local pool.

21 What did Rosie dislike about doing serious swimming training?

- A** being away from her friends
- B** the long journey from home
- C** missing some school lessons

22 When Rosie won the Swim Stars International competition she was

- A** surprised by the public interest.
- B** amazed that she had done so well.
- C** excited about meeting other famous sportspeople.

23 Rosie says she needs more help with the cost of

- A** transport to competitions.
- B** the kit she needs.
- C** her accommodation while she's abroad.

24 What has Rosie changed since she got a new coach?

- A** her swimming style
- B** what she eats
- C** her fitness routine

25 What is Rosie planning to do in Spain?

- A** take part in some races
- B** train with different people
- C** have some time to relax