Part-time placement Test

Level: Pre-intermediate & Intermediate

Reading

Part I: For each question, choose the correct answer.

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**HEAVY SNOW EXPECTED OVERNIGHT
TRAIN AND BUS DELAYS POSSIBLE
CHECK WEBSITES REGULARLY –
SOME SCHOOLS AND OFFICES MAY
BE CLOSED TOMORROW**

A The bad weather will make a lot of public transport late tomorrow.

B Snow that is falling will cause a number of problems tomorrow.

C Students should watch for announcements in case they are unable to attend classes tomorrow.

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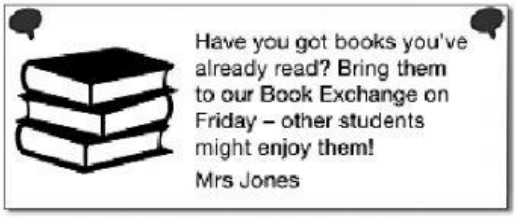

What is Mrs Jones asking students to do?

A share books they no longer want with their schoolmates

B find out from other students which books they've enjoyed

C bring in a good book to talk about on Friday

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A Sophie wants Billy to contact Joanna and warn her about traffic problems in town.

B Sophie needs to let Joanna know that she's probably going to be late.

C Sophie's not sure when she's supposed to meet Joanna to see a film.

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What is the coach doing?

A congratulating the team on their most recent win

B letting the team's fans know the positive effect of their support

C encouraging the team to play even better in a future match

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A We have more food available, apart from what's written on the menu.

B To decide what to eat, you must go and look at the board inside.

C Speak to someone at the counter when you want to order your food.

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Part II: For each question, choose the correct answer.

Coasteering

Lily Carter had no idea what present she wanted for her 14th birthday. But she'd always been keen on challenging sports, especially to do with water, like surfing and sailing. So when her parents heard about an activity called coasteering – exploring rocks along the coast by climbing and swimming – they thought Lily would love it. They found a course offered at an activity centre called Porthdean, just along the coast from the family home, which was perfect. So after checking it was led by experienced instructors, they signed her up.

Lily had seen a TV show about coasteering, and was interested in doing it, although she'd thought only adults could take part. But then she discovered that on courses at Porthdean, there'd also be people her age jumping from rocks into the sea, and also exploring caves – which she was never normally allowed to do, so she really wanted to go. But she still asked her dad to go along too and, although he wondered whether he'd like coasteering himself, he knew how much Lily wanted someone to accompany her, so he agreed.

Lily and her dad drove to Porthdean, where they attended a session with their instructors to learn basic safety and techniques and be given helmets and special wetsuits to keep the cold out. The group they joined was quite small, which meant they got lots of individual attention. Says Lily, 'The entire trip was awesome – although the water was freezing! But our instructors encouraged the whole group so much, we were ready to try absolutely all the challenges, even stuff we hadn't expected at all, like jumping off high cliffs! I must admit, the one I jumped off wasn't that high, but Dad went much higher!'

'Anyway, Dad and I hadn't realised how hard it would be physically, so we were glad we were fit,' explains Lily. 'Even so, afterwards, we actually felt like we'd done loads of hard exercise in the gym! But I'll keep the memories of that trip forever, I reckon. And the instructors are going to put a video of it onto the website, so my friends will see it. They'd never believe me otherwise!'

6. Why did Lily's parents choose Porthdean for her coasteering present?
   A. It offered various courses in her favourite watersport.
   B. The instructors there were highly recommended.
   C. It wasn't too far away from where they lived.
   D. She had already tried some activities there.

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7. How did Lily feel about the coasteering course?
   A. pleased that it included something she'd always wanted to try
   B. excited about doing the experience all on her own
   C. keen to find out more about what it involved
   D. interested to see whether she was the only teenager

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10. What would Lily text to a friend while she was away on the course?

A
I don't think Dad was sure before he came that he'd enjoy it – but actually, he's been braver than me!

B
I wanted to do the coasteering course, and mentioned it to my parents before my birthday. But I never expected they'd let me go!

C
Our session before the activities was great, although I really didn't think I'd need a wetsuit for the cold – and I was right!

D
Going into caves was amazing. I'd love to explore them by myself when we're next at the beach – I'm sure my parents will let me!

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Part III: Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

The story of the carrot and the ring

Have you ever lost something that was precious to you, and thought you'd never see it again? That's what happened to Mary Grams from Canada.

Mary had worn her engagement ring for more than half a century when she suddenly lost it. She was working in her garden on the family farm one day, pulling out a plant. [11] When she discovered it was missing, she searched everywhere for it for days, before finally giving up.

Mary realised she probably wasn't going to find the ring again. So she decided not to tell anyone about what had happened, apart from her son. Instead, she thought she would replace it with a much cheaper ring from a jeweller's. [12] In fact, it was so similar that no-one else in her family even knew her original ring was missing.

But the story has a happy ending. Mary eventually got her engagement ring back – 13 years after it was lost! One day Mary's daughter-in-law Colleen was working in the same garden where Mary had been all those years ago.

[13] But this time it looked a bit different – because there was a carrot growing right through the middle of it!

As soon as Colleen saw the ring, she knew immediately who the owner was. The farm had been in the family for over 100 years. [14] So when Colleen discovered the story of the lost ring, it became clear there was only one person it could possibly have belonged to, and the ring was returned to Mary.

Mary decided to remove her ring from the carrot and wear it again. [15] Then the ring was washed, and Mary put it back on her finger – and it still fitted perfectly!

A. She was digging up vegetables there when she discovered the ring.

B. That gave her a very good idea about what to do with the carrot.

C. And that was probably when the ring came off her finger.

D. So she carefully cut the carrot in half.

E. She had never seen anything like it before.

F. And only two women had lived there in all that time.

G. It was tiring work, as some of them were very big.

H. Luckily, she managed to find another one that looked just like it.

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