

Test 8 READING

Part 1

Questions 1–5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

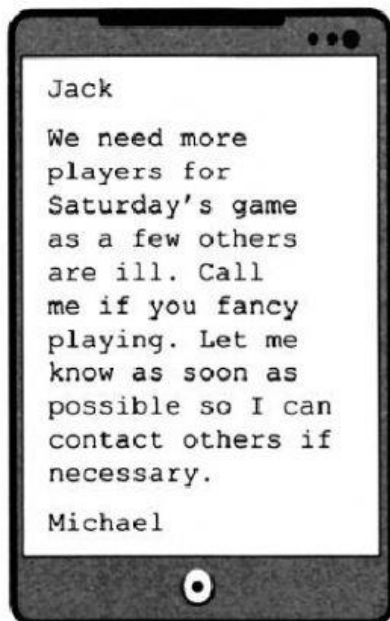
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CUSTOMERS

Take no more than 2 items of clothing into the changing room unless you speak to an assistant first.

- A Speak to an assistant first before using the changing room.
- B Take at least two items of clothing into the changing room.
- C Ask for permission to take more than two items into the changing room.

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- A Michael is ill and can't play.
- B Jack should contact others to see if they are interested in playing.
- C Michael needs a quick reply.

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LIBRARY

We will open at 9.30 on Wednesday 20 July because of staff training.

Normal hours will continue next week.

- A Staff training starts at 9.30.
- B Opening hours are different on 20 July.
- C The library will open at a different time after 20 July.

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To: Morris@hotmail.com
From: Chris@yahoo.com
Hi Morris I can't make the concert tonight. If you want my ticket email me. I don't want any money for it! Have it as a gift!

- A Morris can have the ticket for free.
- B The ticket was a gift.
- C Chris will email the ticket to Morris.

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LEFT LUGGAGE

Our office will keep your luggage for up to 2 weeks. After this we will contact you at your email address

- A Customers can leave luggage for no longer than two weeks.
- B Customers must email the office if they cannot collect their luggage.
- C Customers who have not collected luggage will be sent an email.

Part 2

Questions 6–10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to do something to keep fit.
On the opposite page there are eight descriptions of fitness activities.
Decide which activity would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Theo is new to the area and wants to get fit for the first time in his life. He is more interested in team sports and would like to make friends as well.

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Barbara loves running and would like to join a running club. She can't afford a membership fee to begin with but if she likes it, she'd be keen to sign up and volunteer as well.

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Tracy has decided to join a gym. She wants to have someone who can help and encourage her to work hard. She'd also like to go swimming at the weekend.

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Steve is looking for a personal trainer and is returning to exercise after hurting his ankle. He is busy at work and needs someone who is available any day.

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Debbie is a keen athlete and wants to find somewhere she can train on a **race-track** and compete against other athletes. She likes to train early in the morning.

Fitness activities

A Stevie's Gym

Stevie's Gym is well known in the area for offering the best in everything to do with health and fitness. Relax in our luxury swimming pool or use the latest equipment in the gym. It's easy to lose interest if you don't have the right support, and our skilled team of trainers will get you started and help you stay focused.

B Blackwell Gym

The very best in personal service. Our members get a free health check when they join. We will then discuss your aims and design a personal programme to help you achieve your goals. Open six days a week, closed on Sundays.

E Temple Health and Fitness

Whether you want to improve your fitness or lose weight, you can be sure to find the support you need to achieve your goals with our team of personal trainers. Visit our website to view their personal profiles and areas of expertise. Currently we are offering sessions at weekends only.

F Arena Leisure Centre

We know that some days are perfect for achieving goals in the gym, while others are best spent relaxing in the sauna. Whatever your needs, we can promise you a personal service. Please note the swimming pool is being used for competitions every Saturday and Sunday and is not open to the public on these days.

C The Arcadian Harriers

We meet in the Arcadian Leisure Centre twice a week and set off on planned routes around the area. Join us on Tuesday for the 6k run and Thursday for the 10k. You don't have to become a member to run with us, but we'd love it if you did. We are also looking for people to help out with events.

G Central Fitness and Leisure

We are one of the larger leisure centres in the area and can offer a huge range of activities at our 24-hour gym and 400-metre running track that is free to use for members. Sign up to our monthly league table and see how your times compare to other members.

D JDC Gym

We offer personal, one-to-one training programmes for beginner and more advanced workouts. Our trainers are available seven days a week and can meet you at the gym or at a place that's more convenient to you. Build your strength and fitness and get help with any injuries you may have.

H Sport Special

For those who want to focus on their own personal fitness, Sport Special provides members with a modern gym with the latest equipment. The leisure centre also organises group events such as five-a-side football or hockey. After the match, get to know your team mates in the café for tea, coffee and snacks.

Part 3

Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Georgina Johnson writes about the mobile phone

Looking back to when I was younger in the 1980s, I can remember dreaming of two inventions I thought would change my world but were probably not likely to happen in my lifetime. One was a tiny video camera that I could carry around in my pocket and film moments whenever I had the opportunity. The other was something I could use to see and speak to people miles away. I often saw them in science fiction films, and they didn't even need to be plugged in!

I find it incredible that during my adult life these two dreams have become a reality. And not even two separate inventions. Just one phone, small enough to keep in my pocket so that I hardly know it's there. I can video call or chat to friends and relatives, catch up with the latest news, watch videos of my favourite bands, check the weather forecast or send messages. Thanks to satnav I never have to worry if I get lost when I make a journey somewhere I have never been before. I can shop as much as I want and even take a course in any subject I want ... the list goes on.

Along with the internet, the mobile phone must be the biggest change in technology ever. So why do many of us feel slightly worried about how much time we spend on the phone in our lives? It's strange that the opportunities it has offered us for communication seem to have limited the time we actually spend talking to each other. We are all used to seeing friends and families who are always looking at their screens and taking very little notice of those around them.

The mobile phone is here to stay and we have to find a way of dealing with the problems it might create. I believe these are challenges we have to solve individually rather than expecting something or someone else to come to our rescue. It's up to us to be careful about the time we spend online and remember that it's good to talk with those sitting nearby. We can still feel amazed to have such a powerful piece of technology available when we need it.

- 11** What does Georgina say about the 1980s?
- A** She didn't have a TV.
 - B** Some inventions seemed a long way in the future.
 - C** People were always watching science fiction films.
 - D** She had friends who lived a long way away.
- 12** Georgina says that a mobile phone
- A** is easy to carry.
 - B** can be hard to know how to use.
 - C** is easy to lose.
 - D** is helping her with her studies.
- 13** What changes does Georgina say the mobile phone has created?
- A** We now depend on the internet.
 - B** It stops us seeing friends and relatives as often.
 - C** We communicate with people in a different way.
 - D** We spend more time communicating with people.
- 14** Georgina thinks that people who use a mobile phone
- A** don't realise how powerful it can be.
 - B** should speak to others for help.
 - C** are beginning to wish it hadn't been invented.
 - D** are responsible for using it sensibly.

15 What would be a good introduction to this article?

A Georgina Johnson explains how her dreams have come true now the mobile phone has made her life so much easier.

B Are you spending too long on your mobile phone? Georgina Johnson warns of some of the dangers.

C One of the greatest inventions of all time or something we should be a little concerned about? Georgina Johnson gives her views on the mobile phone.

D Do you dream about what the future may be like and what technological inventions will occur? They are unlikely to come true says Georgina Johnson.

Part 4

Questions 16–20

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 History of Fish and Chips

Fish and chips: the meal the UK is probably best known for around the world. It's unlikely you'll find many small towns or villages up and down the country that don't have a fish and chip shop on the corner.

However, neither fried fish nor chips were first eaten in the UK. It is believed that fried fish covered in flour was brought into the country by Jewish visitors from Spain and Portugal in the early 1800s. **16** It's difficult to say for sure which of these two countries started frying potatoes first, as to begin with this was street food sold as fast food snacks to poorer people. **17**

Experts are also not sure where fish and chips were first sold together in the UK. Some believe the prize should go to a man called Joseph Malin, who opened a shop in London around the 1860s. His family started by selling fried potatoes and then later added fish to the menu. **18** Records show that he was also selling fish and chips around the 1860s in a market in Lancashire in the north of England.

Until as recently as the 1980s the takeaway was served wrapped in old newspaper, a custom that some say started in order to save money. **19** Newspaper could only be used if the food was wrapped in more hygienic paper first.

The popularity of other takeaway meals such as pizza or burgers has certainly led to a decline in the number of fish and chip shops. There are now thought to be around 8,000 of them in the country. **20** But this is still a huge number when compared to some of the well-known fast food businesses.

- A** Because of this, there is nothing to show where the practice actually began.
- B** However, shops doing this were told to stop for reasons of people's health.
- C** Then there's the difference of opinion about the size of chips.
- D** Chips are also believed to have come from elsewhere, either France or Belgium.
- E** There are no records to show which shop opened first.
- F** However, others believe first prize should go to someone called John Lees.
- G** This is compared to the 35,000 in the 1930s.
- H** However, it is clearly not a healthy meal.

Part 5

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The Great White Shark

The great white shark is thought of as a killer, but this is not really **[21]** True, one look is enough to confirm how frightening these creatures are. They can be anywhere between four and five metres long and have around 300 teeth **[22]** in rows. They can travel through the water at up to 24 kilometres an hour, speeding up when they attack. However, of the 100 or so shark attacks on humans that are **[23]** each year, only around a half of these are made by the great white and most of these attacks do not lead to the person losing their life. Research has shown that the shark will often carry **[24]** a test bite, and in many cases it has been shown they will **release** a human. Unfortunately, **[25]** to the size of the creature's mouth this can still lead to the person being **[26]** injured.

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| 21 | A gained | B won | C fair | D corrected |
| 22 | A put | B done | C made | D arranged |
| 23 | A reported | B said | C told | D placed |
| 24 | A in | B up | C out | D on |
| 25 | A due | B since | C as | D for |
| 26 | A mainly | B importantly | C seriously | D strictly |

Part 6

Questions 27–32

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

The Tower of London

I hope you like the photos of our holiday. My favourites are the ones **(27)** the Tower of London. The big black birds you can see in one of the photos are called 'ravens'. The story goes that if ever these birds leave, the Tower will fall along with the country. **(28)** are always supposed to be **(29)** least six but the Tower keeps seven or more, just to be safe! The guide explained that it was King Charles II **(30)** ordered this when he was warned of the dangers of killing the birds.

They don't want the ravens to fly away so one of their wings is 'clipped'. We were told that this doesn't hurt them at all but that it stops them flying away. All the birds are given names and I was surprised **(31)** learn that the oldest one they've had was called Jim Crow, who lived **(32)** he was 44 years old!