

TEST UNIT 8 (Laser A2)

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1 Read the text. For questions 1–5 choose 'Right', 'Wrong' or 'Doesn't Say'.

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| 1 Ten people are on the trip. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 2 On Day 5 it was usual for the men to see weird animals. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 3 Day 8 is a clear sunny day. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 4 On Day 10 lightning was seen before thunder was heard. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 5 Cortez decided that he and the men should go home. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |

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A Terrible Trip

Day 1

It's 3rd December and our trip begins! Ten men and I, Giles Cortez, will travel hundreds of kilometres into Australia. We hope to find a great lake in the large desert that we have heard about in books and from other travellers who have tried to make this very difficult trip.

Day 5

It's a beautiful day and the men and I are happy. Yesterday, we travelled about 30km and we saw some very strange things. It was common for us to see creatures in the distance - they didn't look like anything we knew! And the insects - so many of them!

Day 8

We're in the desert. There are stones and sand everywhere - there aren't any plants or trees. The sun is shining brightly in the sky. My friend Dominic recorded a temperature of 35°C! Now at 7pm, the temperature has fallen to 18°C. It will be cold sleeping on the ground tonight.

Day 10

It's an awful day. It's very windy and we cannot see because of the sand in our eyes. Two hours ago, at 8 in the morning, there was a terrible thunderstorm - but of course, no rain. First, we heard a crash of thunder and then we saw a flash of lightning. We were very frightened that we might be hit.

Day 15

It was decided this morning that we will go back. This isn't a place for animals - or people! We haven't discovered any water. The trip has been hard for me and the men. It is 18th December, it is 38°C, and it's time to go home!

2 Read the text and decide which answer (a, b or c) best fits each gap.

Hi Jacques,

I'm writing this postcard in Meghalaya in India! It's the wettest place in the world – it gets a lot of (0) a ! Yesterday when we arrived it was hot and (1) _____. We were told that the (2) _____ was 32°C. This morning, when I looked out of my window I couldn't see anything because there was (3) _____ everywhere – it was like the (4) _____ disappeared during the night! It was beautiful, but also a little (5) _____. This afternoon we are going to Shillong. It's hot and quite (6) _____ outdoors now, so we will probably get a few (7) _____. That's very (8) _____ here. That's OK. We want to see Ward's (9) _____. I don't think we'll swim there, but we can feed the fish. Oh Jacques, what a country – there's music everywhere, music made by the thousands of (10) _____ – birds and insects – that live in this strange and wonderful place!

Bye for now!

Raj

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| 0 a rain | b rainy | c foggy |
| 1 a frosty | b sunny | c snowy |
| 2 a desert | b thunder | c temperature |
| 3 a sun | b mist | c wind |
| 4 a ground | b earthquake | c thunder |
| 5 a weird | b stormy | c common |
| 6 a frosty | b snowy | c cloudy |
| 7 a deserts | b flashes | c showers |
| 8 a sunny | b common | c stormy |
| 9 a Desert | b Thunderstorm | c Lake |
| 10 a creatures | b showers | c flashes |
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3 Match the words with their definitions. Write the corresponding letter.

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| 0 beach <u>f</u> | a a living thing (animal, insect) |
| 1 desert _____ | b a very high place |
| 2 ice _____ | c a big flash of light during a storm |
| 3 lightning _____ | d a place with lots of trees |
| 4 shower _____ | e when it rains for a short time |
| 5 mountain _____ | f the land near the sea |
| 6 creature _____ | g the floor under your feet |
| 7 thunder _____ | h frozen water |
| 8 forest _____ | i place where it doesn't often rain |
| 9 earthquake _____ | j the sound we hear after a flash of lightning |
| 10 ground _____ | k when the ground shakes |

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4 Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.

0 It's misty over the mountains in the early morning. **MIST**

1 It's very _____ outside; it's going to rain. **CLOUD**

2 It's _____; I can't see the ground! **FOG**

3 Tomorrow, we'll have a hot _____ day. **SUN**

4 In the south of England, it will be a _____ night. **FROST**

5 It's often wet and _____ in the north of Canada. **STORM**

6 What a horrible _____ day – we can't go out. **RAIN**

7 It's so _____ that my papers flew all over the garden. **WIND**

8 The mountains were _____ and the river was frozen. **SNOW** / 8

5 Write a word from the box in each gap to complete the sentences. If no article is necessary, put an (x).

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Today's geography class is about (0) – Canada, one of the biggest countries in (1) _____ world. Canada is near the big country, (2) _____ United States of America. However, the people in Canada – the Canadians – are quite different from the Americans. Canada has got a lot of (3) _____ water – 7% of all (4) _____ Earth's water! On one side of Canada, the side where (5) _____ British Columbia is found, there is (6) _____ Pacific Ocean and on the other side, where you find places like (7) _____ Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, there is the Atlantic Ocean. I visited Canada last year and on the day that I arrived there was (8) _____ awful storm. Have you ever been in (9) _____ thunderstorm? It is very scary! There were flashes of lightning and crashes of thunder. I could feel electricity in (10) _____ air! And the rain! I was sure it would never stop.

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6 Choose the correct word.

0 **The / A** sky is dark today. I think it's going to rain.

1 Brazil is **a / an** country in South America.

2 I hope there aren't **some / any** strange creatures under my bed!

3 The animals in the Galapagos Islands **are / is** weird!

4 Don't you think the platypus is **the / an** amazing animal?

5 I have **some / a** knowledge of Australian history, but not much.

6 I would love to see **the / a** River Amazon.

7 Oh, no! I've lost **any / the** money for the tickets! / 7

7 Match the two halves of the sentences. Write the correct letter

0 Be careful because electricity d

1 This information about camels _____

2 I put my money in my pocket but it _____

3 On rainy days, my hair _____

4 I don't often read the news because it _____

5 A beaver's food _____

a looks awful!

b consists of parts of trees and bushes.

c is gone.

d is really dangerous!

e is very interesting.

f usually frightens me.

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8 Listen and choose the best option

1- The weather in the morning was

2- Today in Northern Canada the weather is.....

3- The season in Canada is

4- In South America it's....

5- The season in South America is...

6- In some parts of Europe the weather is...

7- In Asia it's...

8- The season in Asia is...

9- In America the weather is.....

Answer: What's the man scared of?

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10 Write the description of a favourite place (80-120 words)

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