

# Test 3

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## Task 1 – Long Reading

As part of your studies you are going to read about Saint Patrick's Day. Read the following text and answer the 15 questions on the next page.

### Saint Patrick's Day

#### Paragraph 1

Saint Patrick is Ireland's national saint. Every year, on March 17th, a celebration is held in his honour. It is said that Patrick introduced a new type of religion to Ireland. He was born in the UK in around 385 AD. When he was 14, he was captured by Irish pirates, brought back to Ireland and made a slave there. He spent six years working as a shepherd herding sheep before he managed to escape. Despite this awful childhood experience, Patrick returned to Ireland in his 30s to spread his religious faith.

#### Paragraph 2

So is Saint Patrick's Day a religious celebration? Perhaps it was mainly this originally, but it has changed a lot over the years. The celebration we are familiar with today is very different to how it used to be. It did start as a quiet, religious event: a day of prayer for Irish people. Indeed, up until the 1970s, all pubs, bars and shops were closed on March 17th, and there was an official parade of army members through the streets of Dublin. It was quite a serious affair.

#### Paragraph 3

What changed? Well, the Irish celebration we recognise today was actually inspired by events in America. For several hundred years, Irish people have moved abroad in vast numbers to look for work and a better life. Many of these emigrants settled in the USA and Canada. Today, millions of Americans proudly claim to be of Irish origin. In the 1700s-1800s, though, the Irish people who went abroad were poor and not well educated. They were quite unpopular in their new home in America, so they decided to organise something they could be proud of: a day to celebrate being Irish.

#### Paragraph 4

One of the first American parades took place in Boston in 1737, and, by the end of the 19th century, Saint Patrick's Day parades had spread to most major American cities, including Chicago, New York and New Orleans. March 17th gradually became a day where the focus was on having fun and celebrating the best things about Irish American culture. Parades became more colourful and were full of music and dance. Irish Americans wanted to celebrate both their pride in being American and their Irish roots. Many Americans could relate to this idea of celebrating their background and their love of America at the same time, so, in time, this day of fun was embraced not just by Irish Americans, but Americans in general.

#### Paragraph 5

Meanwhile, back in Ireland, from the 1970s onwards, the focus of the celebration also began to change. Parades there became equally colourful and fun-filled, and something about the day began to have a wider appeal. Celebrations started being organised in more and more countries. In Japan, for example, the first parade was not organised by Irish people at all, but by locals who found the day interesting. In Moscow, Russia, the Saint Patrick's Day parade was the first public march through Red Square. Today, famous landmarks throughout the world, from the pyramids of Giza in Egypt to the Statue of Liberty in the USA turn green on March 17th, and people celebrate the idea of having fun and being proud of their identity, whether Irish or not.

**Questions 1-5 (one mark per question)**

The text on the previous page has five paragraphs (1-5). Choose the best title for each paragraph from A-F below and write the letter (A-F) on the lines below. There is one title you don't need.

- 1. Paragraph 1 .....
- 2. Paragraph 2 .....
- 3. Paragraph 3 .....
- 4. Paragraph 4 .....
- 5. Paragraph 5 .....

- A How the Irish were the first nation to create a new fun way of celebrating Saint Patrick's Day
- B The international appeal of Saint Patrick's Day
- C The story of the man behind the Saint Patrick's Day celebration
- D How Saint Patrick's Day in America became popular across all groups in society
- E How Saint Patrick's Day was traditionally celebrated in Ireland
- F A way for poor emigrants to celebrate their identity

**Questions 6-10 (one mark per question)**

Choose the five statements from A-H below that are TRUE according to the information given in the text on the previous page. Write the letters of the TRUE statements on the lines below (in any order).

- 6. ....
- 7. ....
- 8. ....
- 9. ....
- 10. ....

- A The religious importance of the Saint Patrick's Day festival in Ireland is greater today than in the past.
- B Although Saint Patrick's Day is popular with Irish Americans, it is not very popular with the general population of the US.
- C Before 1970, Saint Patrick's Day in Ireland was quite a formal event.
- D A Saint Patrick's Day celebration in an Asian country was introduced by locals not Irish people.
- E Although Saint Patrick is Ireland's national saint, he was not born there.
- F Americans did not particularly like early Irish emigrants to the USA.
- G Before he became religious, Patrick was a pirate in Ireland.
- H In the late 1800s, there were Saint Patrick's Day parades in many big American cities.

**Questions 11-15 (one mark per question)**

Complete sentences 11-15 with a word, phrase or number from the text (maximum three words). Write the word, phrase or number on the lines below.

- 11. Patrick spent six years of his early life ..... in Ireland before he escaped back to the UK.
- 12. The traditional Dublin parade involved ..... walking through the city's streets.
- 13. A huge number of modern Americans suggest they are of .....
- 14. The ..... of American parades changed over time and became about having fun and celebrating the Irish identity.
- 15. .... globally are lit up with the colour green to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.

**Task 2 – Multi-text reading**

In this section there are four short texts for you to read and some questions for you to answer.

**Questions 16-20**

Read questions 16-20 first and then read texts A, B, C and D below the questions.

As you read each text, decide which text each question refers to. Choose one letter – A, B, C or D – and write it on the lines below. You can use any letter more than once.

Which text

16. expresses agreement with a new development? \_\_\_\_\_
17. gives information about some places in the village? \_\_\_\_\_
18. considers if living in Plockton would be the best option? \_\_\_\_\_
19. recommends some activities to do in Plockton? \_\_\_\_\_
20. states the opinion of a young person about life in Plockton? \_\_\_\_\_

**Text A**

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<p><b>PLOCKTON, HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND</b></p> <p>Plockton, surrounded by dramatic mountains and with its lakeside position, is considered to be one of the most beautiful villages in the Highlands. It has around 380 inhabitants. Popular with walkers and sailors, it is the perfect place for a peaceful holiday. Facing away from the winds, Plockton has a mild climate, which has enabled palm trees to grow along the main street. If wildlife is your interest, you should go on the famous Plockton boat trip — you are guaranteed to see seals. If you did not, your money would be refunded, but this has never happened. As for food, seafood is a speciality.</p>	

**Text B**

<p><b>To:</b> pablo@email.com  <b>From:</b> maggie@email.com</p>
<p>Hi Pablo</p> <p>I've recently returned from Plockton, where I grew up. That was many years ago! Although it's just a small village and fewer than 300 kids went to school there, I got good qualifications. Only a few young people actually lived in the village, and nearly all of us had to leave to find work. That's why I ended up working with you in London!</p> <p>I haven't been back for years. But Plockton looked much the same, except for some new houses on the way in to the village. No bad thing, in my opinion, as villages need new life to survive. What was most disappointing was the number of houses in the village that are now just holiday homes – the owners make infrequent visits or rent out their houses to tourists. I can't afford to buy a house there now! And I'm afraid Plockton didn't quite feel the same as it did before.</p> <p>Oh, well, it's still beautiful.</p> <p>Kind regards  Maggie</p>

## Text C

## Paradise village?

by Ben Jones

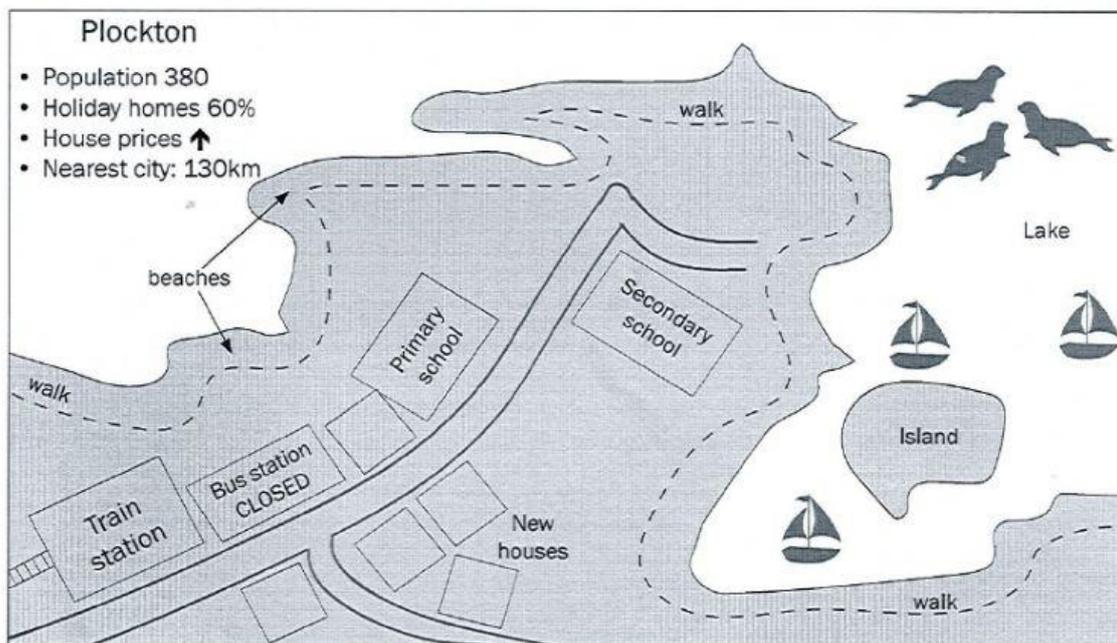
On a recent visit to the village of Plockton, I was stunned by its beauty. 'I could live here,' I thought. But could I? I decided to do some research to find out.

Donald Campbell told me, 'The locals are friendly but the community life isn't the same — it's not so much fun. There used to be great live music. If you'd seen me dancing, you'd have been impressed!'

Then I talked to Marie Mackenzie. 'I love being outdoors in Plockton with my friends,' she said. 'But life is easier for teenagers in other places — there are no activities for us here. If I want to buy some clothes with my friends, it's a 260-kilometre round trip. In fact, travelling in general is quite tricky. If I were you, I'd think twice about moving here if you have teenage children.'

So, would it be fair to bring my family to live here? I'm not sure. We may just have to come for holidays.

## Text D



## Questions 21-25

Choose the five statements from A-H below that are **TRUE** according to the information given in the texts above. Write the letters of the **TRUE** statements on the lines below (in any order).

21. \_\_\_\_\_  
 22. \_\_\_\_\_  
 23. \_\_\_\_\_  
 24. \_\_\_\_\_  
 25. \_\_\_\_\_

- A People who have gone on a boat trip have always seen seals.  
 B Yachting is a popular pastime on the lake at Plockton.  
 C Very few people of Maggie's age stayed in the village.  
 D Maggie is planning to buy a house in the place where she grew up.  
 E Donald Campbell used to be a good dancer.  
 F Marie thinks it would be a good idea for Ben to move to Plockton.  
 G It is advisable for tourists to travel to Plockton by bus.  
 H Schoolchildren of different ages are educated in the village of Plockton.

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**Questions 26-30**

The notes below contain information from the texts on pages 4 and 5. Find an exact number, word or phrase (maximum three words) from texts A-D to complete the missing information in gaps 26-30.

Write the exact number, word or phrase on the lines below.

**Notes****Plockton****Advantages**

- Beautiful location
- (26.) \_\_\_\_\_ means palm trees!
- Good for: walking, sailing, wildlife (eg seals)
- Schools
- Station
- Good food

**Disadvantages**

- Local people (27.) \_\_\_\_\_ to buy houses
- 60% holiday homes
- Poor transport
- Long distance to get to (28.) \_\_\_\_\_
- (29.) \_\_\_\_\_ for teenagers to do
- The (30.) \_\_\_\_\_ is less lively now than in the past



