

## Reading

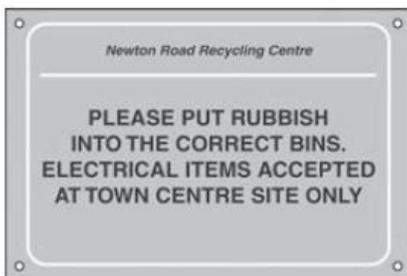
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## Part 1

## Questions 1 – 5

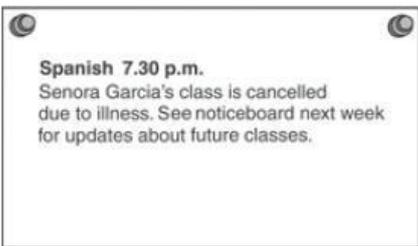
For each question, choose the correct answer.

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- A** All types of rubbish are accepted here.
- B** Use the special bins here for electrical items.
- C** Rubbish that is brought here must go in the right place.

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- A** There will be no classes from next week.
- B** The teacher will be in touch when she is better.
- C** Information about the next class will be available soon.

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Emma wants Dario to

- A** take her notes to the meeting about the competition.
- B** write down information about the competition for her.
- C** send her the competition details by Thursday.

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From:	Nick Ashton
To:	IT department

We request that all staff attend the regular lunchtime meeting in Blue Room tomorrow to discuss recent progress on the Nexus project.

- A Everyone needs to come to the meeting.
- B The time of the meeting has changed.
- C A new project will be discussed at the meeting.

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**PARENTS!**

Sale to raise money for the new library  
Next Wednesday after school  
Please bring second-hand goods on Friday!

- Parents should
- A give the school some money for the library.
  - B take some things to school for the sale.
  - C offer to help at the school sale.

## Part 2

## Questions 6 – 10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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The people below all want to have a celebration.  
On the opposite page there is information about eight companies that organise special events.  
Decide which event would be most suitable for the people below.

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Hannah wants to celebrate her 15th birthday with her friends. They enjoy being outdoors and having fun together. She wants some snacks to be provided but doesn't have much money.

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Leon would like to do something with his friends. They are all really keen on watching movies and listening to live music, and they like being active.

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Paola has saved money to have a big party where she can dance with her friends. She likes competitions and wearing interesting clothes, and wants to have a special meal.

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Chris wants an event where he and his friends can spend the day doing water sports. He would also like to invite extra guests for dinner and a dance.

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Pablo wants to spend a day out with friends away from the town, having fun rides and the opportunity for some competitions. He also wants to have some food.

## Have your celebration with one of these party organisers!

### A Tye Valley Theme Park Parties

You and your guests can have the most fun at our park, outside the city. A party day with us includes our amazing water ride, and many others which suit all ages. Have a delicious hot breakfast, lunch or dinner in our luxury café. There are plenty of challenges to take part in and some great prizes to win.

### C The Big Picnic Company

Our company organises special picnics for birthdays and other celebrations. The location is a spot in the city park, or the nearby lake if you'd like a boat ride. We have trainers to help run all sports activities. You can bring your own prizes and we've found our customers are happy to pay extra for the fantastic food we offer.

### E Costume Nights

Why not dress up as famous movie characters to celebrate that special occasion? Your guests will love it! We organise a dance, with competitions and prizes, including ones for the best costumes. We can also provide dinner with live music. If you're looking for low prices, this isn't for you, but we're sure you'll think it's worth the cost!

### G A Day to Remember

We arrange special occasions for young people at a very reasonable price. One of our most popular events is a sports day in the town park. We arrange the races and competitions, including some on the river, and have a range of prizes you can choose from. After all that, we can offer very special cakes with hot or cold drinks.

### B Hartford Hall

In the hall, we can arrange amazing parties for you to enjoy a special occasion. We can show the film of your choice from our wide selection, and popcorn and drinks are included. Afterwards, we can turn the hall into a club so you can dance. Advance booking is essential in busy periods.

### D A Day with a Difference

Why not do something original to celebrate your birthday in luxury? We organise races on the river for adults and boat rides for children. Afterwards, there's a wonderful three-course meal and a disco with a DJ and prizes. Activities for up to 30 people, dinner for up to 60. Small deposit per person to be paid in advance.

### F Your Concert

Not many people have the opportunity to meet their favourite band on their birthday, but we can make that happen! We can book tickets for you and your guests for all major concerts. We arrange special seats and a pass to meet the band. It's not the cheapest evening out, but our prices include drinks and refreshments in the interval.

### H Mystery Games

Do you want to surprise a small group of guests? We offer a range of mystery games you can play. You come to a big house and each of you is given a part to play. We provide the costumes as well. You try to find clues and finish off with a special meal, during which the mystery is explained.

## Part 3

## Questions 11 – 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

## Making a difference

I think we should never doubt that even as an individual person, we can make a difference to the environment. Trying to protect the environment seems like a huge, impossible challenge and the efforts governments make are not always successful. But I think it's important for everyone to think about what they can do, because even small actions can have a big effect.

I started thinking about my own situation where I live in the countryside. My garden backs onto some hills and fields. Over the years, all the trees have been removed from there. The result was that when it rained, our gardens were covered in water and soil, because there were no tree roots to stop the soil being washed down the hill. I didn't mind the water – that soon disappeared – but the soil covered and damaged my plants. Many didn't survive. At the same time, I was sorry to see the hill without the trees it used to have. I became very worried about what would happen to the landscape in the future.

Then I read an online article about a project in Kenya, where the villagers grew and planted trees to help the land recover. I decided to organise my neighbours to plant small trees on the hill above our houses. Initially, we had problems because we didn't have the money to buy the small trees we wanted to plant. Then we tried to get some shop owners in the town involved because they agreed the trees might make the area more attractive to visitors. Finally, one café owner agreed to give us the cash we needed.

Since then, the trees we bought have really grown, so now we don't get flooding any more. Once our little forest was established, we decided to keep bees. A friend in my village is an expert. He taught us all how to do it and now we even produce our own honey. Who knows? Maybe other groups of people will follow our example. You see, everyone can do something to make a difference.

11 The writer thinks that helping the environment seems difficult because

- A individual action has limited positive benefits.
- B it is such a large problem.
- C it is too late to improve things.
- D large organisations have failed to even try.

12 The writer was unhappy because

- A his house got flooded.
- B he lost a lot of soil from his land.
- C trees began to die on hills near his home.
- D lots of his plants were killed.

13 The writer got the money to buy trees for the hill near his house by

- A charging tourists to visit the area.
- B talking to a local business person.
- C persuading his neighbours to give some.
- D selling plants he had grown.

14 The community was able to start bee keeping because

- A someone in the village had experience of this.
- B they were given some bees.
- C a group went to classes to learn how to do it.
- D they found some bees in the nearby forest.

15 What would the writer say to a friend about his work for the environment?

A It's strange to think that just finding some interesting information on the internet led to this amazing project!

B We've grown a variety of different kinds of plants: trees to protect the land and flowers to bring in the insects.

C It took a while to get my neighbours to join me, but now they're just as excited as I am about the changes we're seeing!

D My own experience proves that even if you don't live somewhere directly affected by problems, it's still worth trying to make a situation better.

## 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 chef: How I got started

When I was quite small, I used to help my parents and grandparents in the kitchen by cutting the vegetables and doing anything else I could help with. **16**  I used to love watching him eat it and I realised food could make people really happy. My parents were worried about me using knives, but I soon become very efficient at peeling and chopping. But I suppose I didn't really start cooking for myself until I went to university.

**17**  I think they were just grateful that someone had cooked them a meal, but it taught me a lot about cooking on a budget.

After university, I think my parents expected me to work in business, but I was keen to do some travelling. I went abroad for about six months and I picked up odd jobs in kitchens as I went around the world. I developed a real interest in all sorts of amazing foods and the different methods of cooking them. **18**  Eventually I became confident enough to try new things there, and the customers liked them. We had some good reviews and so I was offered a job at a big restaurant in the capital.

I still really enjoy cooking. The kitchen is so busy you don't get much time to do anything else, but I'm glad that people know me and know about my food. I've passed this onto my children now. I get them to help me at home. **19**  That means I have a nice break from cooking. They're learning to invent their own dishes now, rather than just following a recipe. **20**  I like to see their passion for cooking, even after all these years of working long hours in a kitchen.

- A** Sadly, I wasn't able to get a job at that restaurant.
- B** Sometimes they make the whole lunch for us all.
- C** One of my earliest memories is cooking fish for my grandfather.
- D** This is why I think my grandfather is the most creative cook.
- E** When I came home, I got a cooking job at a small local restaurant.
- F** There's nothing wrong with doing that sometimes, but it's good to be creative too.
- G** Although I didn't have much money I saved enough for my trip.
- H** I used to try out new dishes on my friends.

## Part 5

## Questions 21 – 26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

### Can you believe what's in a text?

A new study of 140 students shows that people are more likely to lie when texting than when they are speaking to someone face-to-face. Each student was asked to take a **(21)** ..... in a situation where they were either selling or buying a product. The results **(22)** ..... that the sellers were much more likely to lie if they were trying to **(23)** ..... someone to buy by text message. This is perhaps because the person you are 'talking' to cannot look at your face or body language to **(24)** ..... whether you are lying or not. What was also interesting was that the customers were angrier when they were lied to by text than face-to-face. Authors of the study **(25)** ..... that this is because when you meet someone in person, you have a relationship that helps prevent you from getting so angry. The **(26)** ..... was that customers shouldn't trust text messages!

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|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| <b>21</b> | <b>A</b> character  | <b>B</b> role     | <b>C</b> person | <b>D</b> position  |
| <b>22</b> | <b>A</b> displayed  | <b>B</b> appeared | <b>C</b> showed | <b>D</b> presented |
| <b>23</b> | <b>A</b> persuade   | <b>B</b> argue    | <b>C</b> create | <b>D</b> agree     |
| <b>24</b> | <b>A</b> select     | <b>B</b> choose   | <b>C</b> pick   | <b>D</b> decide    |
| <b>25</b> | <b>A</b> request    | <b>B</b> suggest  | <b>C</b> remind | <b>D</b> offer     |
| <b>26</b> | <b>A</b> conclusion | <b>B</b> close    | <b>C</b> final  | <b>D</b> ending    |

## Part 6

## Questions 27 – 32

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

## Sailing

I recently tried a new sport and I enjoyed it so much that I want to recommend it to you. Last week I went sailing **(27)** ..... the first time and it was wonderful. My friends and I set off from the harbour in a boat **(28)** ..... was quite small. It was very slow at first because **(29)** ..... wasn't much wind, but then the wind got stronger and soon the boat was racing along.

Although we **(30)** ..... had a different job on the boat, it was important for us to work together. What was great was that we could visit places you can only reach by boat, so we stopped at an island **(31)** ..... explore and have lunch. At the end of the day we **(32)** ..... really tired but we had such a good time. I suggest you try it – it's such fun!

## Writing

45 minutes

## Part 1

You **must** answer this question.

Write your answer in about **100 words** on the answer sheet.

## Question 1

Read this email from your English-speaking friend Jamie, and the notes you have made.

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EMAIL

**From:**

**Subject:**

Hi!

I hope you're still able to **come** with me to try classes at ~~the new~~ sports centre next Tuesday.

We can easily walk to the sports centre from where you live. Shall I come and **meet** you at your home? We can walk there together.

The two classes we could choose from are badminton and yoga. Which would you **prefer** to go to?

~~What would~~ you like to **do** after the class?

See you soon

Jamie

Yes! No, because ...

Say which ... Suggest ...

Write your **email** to Jamie using **all the notes**.

## Part 2

Choose **one** of these questions.

Write your answer in about **100 words** on the answer sheet.

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**Question 2**

You see this notice on an English-language website for young people.

**Articles wanted!**

**An exciting place to visit**

*What is the most exciting place to visit near where you live?  
Why is it so exciting?  
What is the best time of year to visit this place?*

**Write an article answering these questions and we'll put it on our website!**

Write your **article**.

**Question 3**

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must begin with this sentence:

*As I began to open the large wooden box, something inside it moved.*

Write your **story**.

## Listening

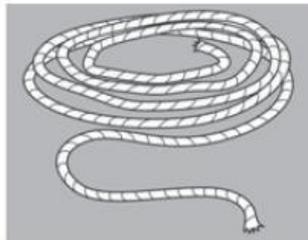
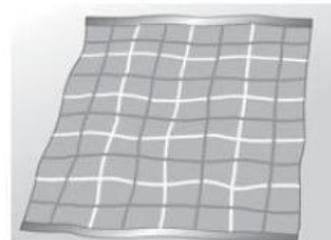
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## Part 1

## Questions 1 – 7

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1 What will the woman bring on the camping trip?

A B C 

2 Which activity has the man just started doing?

A B C 

3 What time does the comedy film finish?

A B C

4 What present does the girl decide to buy?



A



B



C

5 Which museum do the friends agree to visit?



A



B



C

6 Where is the pharmacy?



A

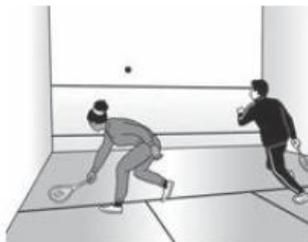


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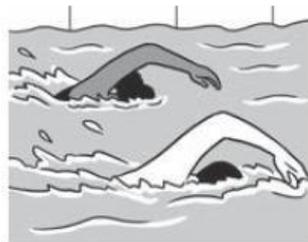


C

7 Which area of the sports centre is closed at the moment?



A



B



C

## Part 2

## Questions 8 – 13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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- 8** You will hear two friends talking about a group holiday they are both going on.

What does the man do during the conversation?

- A** informs the woman that arrangements have changed
- B** reminds the woman to take something
- C** tells the woman the reason behind a decision

- 9** You will hear two colleagues talking about this weekend.

What do they agree is most important?

- A** being with people you like
- B** having good weather
- C** being in a beautiful location

- 10** You will hear two friends talking about recycling at their college.

What does the man think about it?

- A** The bins are not in the best location.
- B** Most people don't put things in the correct bins.
- C** It's hard to decide which bin to use for different things.

- 11** You will hear two friends talking about a concert they are going to see.

How does the man feel about it?

- A** surprised about the choice of music
- B** disappointed by the number of performers
- C** excited about the quality of sound in the theatre