Year 6 English – Unit 10: It's a Mystery
Reading Comprehension:
The Great Sphinx of Giza

Instruction: Read the passage carefully or **listen** to the audio recording (scan QR code). Choose the best answer **A, B, or C**.

The Great Sphinx of Giza

Today I will talk about the Great Sphinx of Giza. The Great Sphinx of Giza can be found in Giza, Egypt. It sits near the Great Pyramid of Giza. The statue is about 4,500 years old. It is 73 metres long and 20 metres high which makes it one of the largest monuments in the world. It is said to have been carved from a single piece of limestone. But what is a sphinx? Well, a sphinx is a mythical creature. It has the body of a lion and the head of a human.

Did you know that the Great Sphinx of Giza was originally painted with vibrant colours? Scientists found traces of red on the statue's face. Traces of blue and yellow were also found on the body. Some people believe that it would have taken about 100 workers three years to complete the statue using stone hammers and copper chisels. To this day, nobody knows why it was built but it continues to attract many tourists from all over the world.

1. Where can the Great Sphinx of Giza be found?
A. Giza, Egypt
B. Cairo, Egypt
C. London, England

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2. How old is the Great Sphinx of Giza?
A. About 3,500 years old
B. About 4,500 years old
C. About 5,500 years old

. How long is the Great Sphinx of Giza?
A. 20 metres
B. 73 metres
C. 100 metres



4. What is a sphinx?
A. A mythical creature
B. A type of pyramid
C. An ancient king

5. What does the Sphinx look like?
A. It has the body of a human and the head of a lion.
B. It has the body of a lion and the head of a human.
C. It has the body of a lion and the head of a bird.

6. What material was the Great Sphinx said to have been carved from?
A. A single piece of limestone
B. Several pieces of marble
C. A large piece of wood

7. What colours were found on the Great Sphinx?
A. Red, blue and yellow
B. Red, green and yellow
C. Blue, green and white

8. How long do some people believe it took to complete the statue?
A. About one year
B. About two years
C. About three years

9. What tools were believed to have been used to build the Sphinx?
A. Iron hammers and wooden chisels
B. Stone hammers and copper chisels
C. Copper hammers and stone chisels

10. What is still a mystery about the Great Sphinx of Giza?
A. Nobody knows why it was built.
B. Nobody knows where it is located.
C. Nobody knows how tall it is.



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