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Eng. 215 Unit 7- Part A

Read the news stories below and choose the correct alternatives.

DAILY NEWS

The UK-based budget airline easy jet has announced that passenger numbers have gone up by nearly a fifth. The airline carried 1.86 million people in February, a rise of 17.4% compared to the same month last year. Chief Executive Ray Webster said that these figures confirm his comments at the recent AGM, when he said, 'We remain cautiously optimistic regarding our performance for the full financial year.'

The creators of Internet search engine Google have joined the Forbes magazine list of world billionaires. With $1 billion each, Sergey Brin and Larry Page are among many new additions to the list, which has 587 names this year compared with 476 last year. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates topped the list for the tenth consecutive year with an estimated wealth of $46.6 billion.

European plane maker EADS made a profit last year, after heavy losses the year before. It achieved net profits of €152,000,000, helped by a big increase in deliveries during the second half of the year. The firm, home of the Airbus passenger jets, overtook its US rival Boeing for the first time in the thirty-year history of the Airbus.

Ask Jeeves, the Internet search engine, has agreed to buy Interactive Search Holdings for $328 million. This will increase its market share from 3.5% to 7%, and make it a more significant competitor to Google and Yahoo. Google has already seen its share of the market go down from 80% to 50%, as Yahoo stops using Google technology.

Pre-tax profits at British Airways (BA) have risen to £230m for this year, from £135m last year. But BA warned that rising oil costs, which have already pushed up ticket prices, would raise costs by £l50m this year. Chief Executive Rod Eddington said, 'When fuel prices go up like this, you can't really hide from them.'

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1. In February, easyJet carried nearly:

a. one million passengers b. two million passengers c. three million passengers

2. EasyJet's passenger numbers went up by nearly:

a. 20% b. 5% c. 40%

3. Sergey Brin has:

a. a million dollars b. half a billion dollars c. a billion dollars

4. Bill Gates has:

a. nearly 45 billion dollars b. over 45 billion dollars c. exactly 45 billion dollars

5. Compared to the year before, EADS' performance last year was:

a. better b. worse c. the same

6. Compared to Boeing, EADS' performance last year was:

a. better b. worse c. the same

7. Ask Jeeves' market share is going to:

a. go down b. go up c. stay the same

8. Google's market share has:

a. gone down b. gone up c. stayed the same

9.This year, BA made:

a. more money b. less money c. the same amount of money

10. BA's fares have:

a. stayed the same b. gone down c. gone up

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