PART II: READING

READING I: You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 1 – 10, which are based on Reading Passage 1.

Book of the Week:

Living in the Snow

by Peter Lang

Peter Lang's recent travel diary, Living in the Snow, describes the lives of the Inuit people in northern Canada. Most of us know that the Inuit live in extreme cold, build houses from snow, make clothes from animal skins, and use dog sleds to travel around.

But the lives of the Inuit today are very different from the traditional lifestyle of their grandparents. Igloos are traditional Inuit homes. They are made from snow. Nowadays, most Inuit live in modern houses with many rooms and heating. The Inuit live in small villages in the north far away from big cities. There are schools and hospitals. They can buy food in local shops. Most of the food comes from the south. Fresh food is very expensive. That's why many Inuit hunt for meat. They hunt for seals, caribou and whales. They also like to catch fish and eat it.

Questions 1 – 5: Read the text. Write true (T) or false (F) next to the statements below.

1. Peter Lang is a writer. ……..

2. The Inuit live in the north. ……..

3. The Inuit today live as their grandparents did. ……..

4. Most Inuit live in igloos. ……..

5. The food in the shops is not cheap. ……..

Questions 6 – 10: Read the text again. Choose FIVE letters, A – H (in any order). You do not need all the letters.

A travel to Canada
B live in a cold climate
C know how to build homes from snow
D often eat fresh food
E live near big cities
F hunt for whales
G go fishing
H can make their own clothes

The Inuit … **6.** …… **7.** …….. **8.** ……. **9.** …… **10.** …….

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READING II: You should spend about 20 minutes on Questions 11 – 20, which are based on Reading Passage 2.

Visit Los Angeles: The World's Movie Capital

A Los Angeles, or LA, is on the West coast of the United States. It is the biggest city in the state of California. It has a large international airport (LAX). This is the easiest way to arrive there.

B The weather in LA doesn't change a lot. The skies are blue and the sun shines all year round. The average yearly temperature is 19 °C. The average temperature in January is between 15 and 23 °C. The average temperature in August is between 26 °C and 32 °C. LA has very little rain.

C LA is famous for its movie industry. You must visit the movie studios. In your free time, go to the beach. Tourists can swim, surf and dive there.

D The people in LA come from all over the world. There are Mexican, Chinese, and Filipino parts of the city. Most people speak English and Spanish. 48.5% of people in LA speak Spanish at home.

Questions 11 – 14: Read the text. Match the topics below, 11 – 14, to the paragraphs, A – D.

11. the population .....

12. what to do in LA .....

13. where LA is .....

14. the weather .....

Questions 15 – 20: Read the sentences below. Write the words from the box in the gaps. You do not need all the words.

cinema	city summer	Chinese spring	English beach	state mountains	winter Spanish	capital

15. LA is the movie ..... of the world.

16. LA is in the ..... of California on the West coast of the US.

17. The average temperature in the ..... is between 15 and 23 °C.

18. The average temperature in the ..... is over 26 °C.

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19. Tourists can go to movie studios or have fun at the ..... .

20. Almost half of the people in LA speak ..... every day.

READING III: Read the text and answer the questions.

Animals of India

India has some of the most beautiful animals in the world. They live in the mountains, the desert and the forests. Over 250 types of animal in India are in danger. The Indian government protects these animals. There are over 500 wildlife sanctuaries. These are safe places for animals to live.

Indian Elephant

The Indian elephant (*Elephas maximus indicus*) is smaller than the African elephant. They also have smaller ears. Females are usually smaller than males. Indian elephants reach a height of between 2 and 3.5 m at their shoulders. They can weigh between 2,000 and 5,000 kg. They eat about 150 kg of plants every day. Elephants live to between 50 and 70 years old.

Royal Bengal Tiger

Tigers (*Panthera tigris*) are famous around the world. They are the largest type of cat. They live in national parks all over India. Males grow between 275 and 290 cm long. They weigh between 135 and 230 kg. They have a lifespan of 10–15 years in the wild. Every tiger has stripes but they all have different patterns. A tiger can eat up to 40 kg of meat at one time. Tigers in zoos eat 5–6 kg a day. There are now only 2,000 tigers in India.

Lion-tailed Macaque

Many types of monkey live in India. Lion-tailed macaques (*Macaca silenus*) are found in southwest India. Their bodies are black. The hair around their faces is grey. Their bodies are between 40 and 60 cm and their tails are about 25 cm. They weigh 3 to 10 kg. They can live for more than 30 years in zoos but their lifespan is shorter in the wild. They live in mountain forests in southwest India. They eat leaves, fruit and nuts. Lion-tailed macaques only live in India.

1. What is a wildlife sanctuary?

⇨ .....

2. What are the differences between an Indian elephant and an African elephant?

⇨ .....

3. Where do tigers live in India today?

⇨ .....

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4. How many tigers are there in India?

⇨ .....

5. Where do lion-tailed macaques live?

⇨ .....

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