FIRST PERIOD READING QUIZ 21/22-B
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Reading

1 Match the news stories with the sections in the box. One of the sections is used twice.

business celebrity culture ~~environment~~ opinion politics science and technology sport travel world

1 The council has revealed plans to reduce the number of foxes in cities after receiving several complaints about the animals entering gardens and making a mess. There are now so many foxes living in urban areas that they are struggling to find enough food to survive. *environment*

2 There has been a fire at a clothing factory in Kuala Lumpur. There are no reports that anyone was hurt, but the fire has spread to nearby buildings. People living near the factory have been told to leave their homes as soon as possible. _____

3 So my question is this: why aren't we all taking responsibility for our own health, rather than expecting others to do this for us? We all know the Health Service is facing huge problems caused by the huge demand for its services. _____

4 Huddersfield suffered a major upset yesterday when their star player, Jack Nash, broke his ankle after a nasty tackle with Patrick Osborne. Osborne was sent off and it looks like he may miss the next three matches. _____

5 This is the perfect time of year to visit the Caribbean, with its beautiful green islands, clear blue skies and wonderful beaches. But hurry! Book your tickets now, before the rainy season starts and it becomes stormy. _____

6 Kelly Goodman is in the news again. After the success of her cookery book, she has just announced that she is writing another one. The subject of this one will be how to create the perfect dinner party. According to her publisher, Ms Goodman's book is expected to be another international success. _____

7 The Harding Pharmaceutical Group is launching a takeover bid against Heletica Biotics, a company that is one of its major competitors. This is part of a growing trend for larger businesses to buy smaller companies in the same industry. _____

8 Local groups are angry after a chemical company was fined just £20,000 after nearly 5,000 litres of poisonous chemicals escaped from its UK factory into a nearby river, killing thousands of fish and plants. _____

9 One of our top universities set up a new artificial intelligence project with a university in Germany. The two universities will work together to create robots that will eventually be able to mark thousands of exam papers in just a few minutes. _____

10 Last night's concert in the cathedral was a great example of classical music in a perfect venue. The audience was silent as a hundred musicians played the works of Beethoven and Mozart for three hours. Highly recommended. _____

11 News just in: the government has promised to invest £100 million in fitness programmes for children, starting from next autumn. Every primary school in the country will be able to participate. The opposition party immediately promised to double that amount if it gets into power at the next election. _____

2 Read the news stories again and write true (T) or false (F).

1 So far, no one has been reported injured in the fire at a factory in Kuala Lumpur. *T*

2 Jack Nash will be unable to play sport for a while. ____

3 Kelly Goodman's new book is for vegetarians. ____

4 Heletica Biotics is about to take over one of its competitors. ____

5 Campaign groups think that a company should be given a bigger fine. ____

6 People want to get rid of foxes in towns and cities because they can be violent. ____

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