LIVINGSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
SECOND TERM READING EXAM
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Questions 1–10

Look at the sentences below about the Bermuda Triangle.
Read the text on the next page to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect.
If it is correct, mark **A** on your answer sheet.
If it is not correct, mark **B** on your answer sheet.

1	Not many television programs have been made about the Bermuda Triangle.	A	B
2	Most missing ships originally left from Boston.	A	B
3	Three ships transporting heavy cargos of metal sank.	A	B
4	A lot of traffic passes through the Bermuda Triangle.	A	B
5	One explanation is that beings from other planets must have taken the ships under the sea.	A	B
6	Some people think journalists might have invented stories about the Bermuda Triangle.	A	B
7	Problems with navigation instruments could have caused some of the accidents.	A	B
8	The powerful movement of water in the ocean might have moved ships off their intended course.	A	B
9	The Bermuda Triangle usually has great weather.	A	B
10	Hurricanes are storms that happen only at sea.	A	B

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The Mystery of the Bermuda Triangle

There are many books and documentaries about the Bermuda Triangle, one of the world's great mysteries. It is an area in the North Atlantic Ocean where a number of airplanes and ships have disappeared without explanation. The first reported missing ship was the *USS Pickering*. It sailed from Boston in 1800 and was never heard from again. Another famous instance was the *Cyclops*, a US ship that carried metal and 309 officers. It left Barbados island and was never seen again. Some people think that enemies of the USA might have been responsible. Two more ships transporting metal also disappeared. It is possible that they sank because of the weight of the metal, but some people remain uncertain.

Not everyone agrees that these cases are really a mystery. The Bermuda Triangle covers some of the busiest shipping routes in the world, so it is not surprising that it also has the greatest number of missing ships and airplanes. But so many ships were being reported missing that some people started to believe that creatures from another planet, or even an intelligent society living under the ocean, must be responsible. Other people believe that they are just stories created by journalists to sell newspapers.

There are several possible explanations for ships and airplanes disappearing so suddenly. One of them is that problems with navigation instruments may have caused some vessels to get lost. When these instruments didn't work correctly, pilots simply sailed or flew in the wrong direction and never returned. The strong ocean currents could also be responsible for carrying people away from their destinations.

Another very likely explanation is that the disappearances are a result of mistakes by humans. These can be anything from going in the wrong direction to not being prepared for difficult weather. There is also a great deal of bad weather in the area, especially hurricanes. Hurricanes are dangerous storms that can do a lot of damage at sea and on land. Perhaps hurricanes provide a reasonable explanation.

Whatever you choose to believe, maybe the Atlantic Ocean isn't the best place for your next cruise vacation.



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Questions 11–15

Read the text and the questions on the next page.
For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

Following Sherlock's Footsteps

by Harriet Ngidi

I've always enjoyed finding the answers to problems. I especially like it when problems are tough to solve. I find it very satisfying to find a solution. As a child, I used to read mystery novels, especially about Sherlock Holmes, the world's smartest detective.

When I was in my twenties, and studying law at university, I decided I wanted to copy my brilliant hero. I realized that I didn't want to be sitting inside all day. I wanted to be on the streets of a big city, solving crimes like Sherlock used to do, but without smoking a pipe! So, I decided to place an advertisement in the local paper, offering my services as a detective. My first few cases were not very difficult. Once, I helped an elderly lady find her lost dog. Another time, I found a client's distant relative living in Europe. I also caught a thief that had stolen something, but I can't remember what it was. It certainly wasn't anything valuable!

Occasionally, I get an important case that makes it all worth it. My favorite ones are when I get the chance to help the police catch criminals. I was even interviewed on television one night, after I had helped discover the identity of an art thief who had stolen valuable paintings from different museums across the country. It was one of the hardest cases I have worked on, but in the end the answer was very obvious. It was an important museum director! Since that night on the news, I have received a lot of calls from new customers, but most of them are still just looking for pets or family. I'm really looking forward to working with real officers again!

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11 What is the writer's main purpose for writing the text?

A To talk about an important case.

B To say that more people should solve crimes.

C To explain why she became a detective.

D To describe the daily routine of a detective.

12 What does the writer say about Sherlock Holmes?

A Sherlock inspired her to become a detective.

B She didn't approve of Sherlock smoking a pipe.

C She wasn't interested in the Sherlock Holmes books.

D Her cases were more exciting than Sherlock's.

13 What does the writer say about the beginning of her career as a detective?

A She had many interesting cases.

B She had a few easy cases, but they weren't very interesting.

C She had a few challenging cases.

D She had cases that involved expensive stolen objects.

14 What is the writer's feeling about working with the police?

A She can do a better job than them.

B It's not a part of the job that she enjoys.

C It's not always challenging.

D It's what she enjoys most.

15 Which of the following is the best description of the writer?

A A detective who likes a challenge, has been on television, but will still help you find your dog.

B A detective who smokes a pipe and solves small crimes. Serious cases will be handed to the police.

C A famous detective who solved a major art crime but is too busy to help you find your dog.

D A detective who is regularly on television and who refuses to work with the police.

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1 Complete the sentences with the correct words.

butler	hurry	imposter	missing	pretend	publicity
relief	robbery	stake out	steal	telegrams	thief

1 Mr. Wilkins is the _____ at the mansion. He supervises the valets and housecleaners.

2 Young children sometimes _____ to be superheroes.

3 There was a news story about an _____ . He had told people he was a successful businessman, but he wasn't.

4 Actors like good _____ . It can make them more popular.

5 A piece of the jigsaw puzzle is _____ , so we can't finish it.

6 Before telephones were invented, people used to write letters or send _____ .

7 According to the police, the _____ was caught when he tried to _____ a painting.

8 The police decided to _____ the building to find out who was breaking into it at night.

9 There was a _____ at a jewelry store. Many beautiful necklaces were stolen.

10 We need to _____ ! The movie is about to start and I don't want to be late.

11 We all passed the exam. What a _____ !

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