

Read an extract from a novel.

Answer questions 10 to 14 based on the extract.

### **Tuesday**

Going through the forest is my favourite part of the walk. Benji loves it too. Benji's my dog, by the way, and I'm Grace. I live on a farm with my parents and take Benji for a walk most days after school.

While Benji runs ahead, I stop and take a photo of a butterfly. A new Facebook photo? Maybe, but my friends on there already call me 'Nature Girl', so perhaps not. Suddenly, I hear Benji's bark. I look up and see Benji jumping and running round a boy. The boy's about my age and looks worried. 'Benji, stop! Come here!' I call and reach into my pocket for the ball. I'm about to apologise to the boy, but he's gone, disappeared between the trees.

### **Wednesday**

I'm out with Benji again. It's cold and rainy today, so we're going fast. As I'm coming through the forest, it starts raining hard, so I run. Suddenly, I'm slipping and falling and, before I know it, I'm lying on my back. Ouch! That hurts.

Then there's someone there and a voice says,

"Are you all right? That was a bad fall." I look up and see the boy from yesterday.

"I'm OK, I think," I say slowly and the boy helps me up. Benji arrives and the boy pats his head.

"I haven't seen you at school. Do you live near here?" I ask.

"No, I'm from Manchester," he says. "Listen! I have to go. Are you OK to walk home? Do you need help?"

"No, I'm fine. Thanks!" I say, as the boy walks away.

"Hey, I'm Grace. What's your name?" I call, but he's already gone.

Back home, Mum's watching the news.

"Hi Grace. Have you heard about this boy, Mark?" she asks. "No, what boy?" I say.

"A boy from Manchester. He's run away from home. Look! This is his dad." There's a man on TV sitting next to a policeman. He's crying and looks as if he hasn't slept for days. Then they show a photo of the missing boy. I know him. It's the boy from the forest. He's Mark. Should I tell Mum?

"Poor man," says Mum. "I just hope they find his son soon."

No, I mustn't say anything. If I tell Mum, the police will come and find Mark. What if he's run away for a good reason? I have to talk to him first.

- 1) During her walk on Tuesday, Grace felt unsure whether to
  - A talk to a stranger she met
  - B put something on social media
  - C control the behaviour of her dog
  
- 2) Why did the boy speak to Grace on Wednesday?
  - A He had found her dog.
  - B She had had an accident.
  - C They both wanted to get out of the rain.

- 3) What does Grace's mum tell her about the boy on the news?
- A He had had problems with his father.
  - B He had recently left his family's house.
  - C He had done something against the law.
- 4) When Grace saw the news on TV, she was
- A sure the facts reported were not correct
  - B upset by the appearance of the man shown
  - C surprised to recognise the person in the photo
- 5) What will probably happen next?
- A Grace will go looking for the boy.
  - B Grace will ask her mother for advice.
  - C Grace will contact the police for information.