Part 4

Questions 21–25

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

One to watch!

Essay by Jessica Bourne, aged 14

I'm a big fan of films featuring the spy James Bond. I've got most of them on DVD. We've recently bought *Quantum of Solace*, in which Daniel Craig plays the part of Bond. I don't know why the film's got that name – but it's a great movie, anyway.

All the actors who've played James Bond have been great, but Daniel Craig, who's made lots of other films, plays the part better than any of them. Even though he doesn't talk very much, I think he's the most perfect actor for the role. He even does a few of the more dangerous things in the film himself, instead of getting someone else to do them. I did wonder sometimes whether he'd be clever enough to defeat the bad people – but I'm not going to tell you the ending! The actress who stars with Craig gives a fantastic performance too – I loved all the glamorous clothes she wore!

The director probably had a hard job making this Bond film as full of action as earlier ones. But the excitement starts right at the beginning here, with a car chase along a mountain road, and plenty of other thrilling scenes, too – Bond leaping off tall buildings and so on. Unfortunately I found the story difficult to follow in places, and it also seemed to be over very quickly – it lasted under two hours. I also felt there weren't as many jokes as in the old Bond films. And where was all the ridiculous Bond equipment – the underwater car or exploding watch that everyone laughed at? This is a more serious, darker Bond film, but I still really enjoyed it.

21 What is Jessica trying to do in her essay?

- **A** explain what first attracted her to Bond films
- **B** tell readers about the Bond DVDs she owns
- **C** give a balanced view of a Bond film she has seen
- **D** describe how Daniel Craig got the part of James Bond

22 What can a reader find out from Jessica's essay?

- **A** whether *Quantum of Solace* is her favourite Bond film
- **B** what other films Daniel Craig has made
- **C** which other actors have played James Bond
- **D** whether she thinks Daniel Craig is the best James Bond

23 What does Jessica tell us about Craig in the new Bond film?

- **A** He performs some of the action scenes.
- **B** He wears some stylish clothes.
- **C** He is given a lot of lines to say.
- **D** He looks strong and fit enough to fight the criminals.

24 What is one problem with the film, according to Jessica?

- **A** It seems a bit too long.
- **B** It's sometimes hard to understand what's happening.
- **C** It has too much silly technology in it.
- **D** It has jokes that aren't very funny.

25 Which of these might appear in a magazine review of the new Bond film?

A **It's full of excitement, with Bond jumping across rooftops, so don't be disappointed by the slow start.**

B **The director wanted to move away from the last Bond film and include a bit less action.**

C **I'm not sure the title tells you much . . . but be prepared to watch a rather different kind of Bond movie.**

D **Daniel Craig performed well as James Bond, but the main female star was disappointing.**

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