

## SEMESTER CONTROL WORK IN READING

**3** Read the passage about a boy called Jack Mayhew. Decide if the sentences are A (True) or B (False). If there is not enough information to decide, choose C (Doesn't say).

1	There is a competition taking place in Jack's English class.	A True say	B False	C Doesn't say	
2	The winner of the competition can get some money.	A True say	B False	C Doesn't say	5 The Trix app can help you to improve your skateboarding skills.
3	Jack's <i>Checkit!</i> App tells you what to eat for breakfast.	A True say	B False	C Doesn't say	6 Jack is already thinking about how to make his app.
4	Jack got the idea for MusicMind because he sometimes can't sleep.	A True say	B False	C Doesn't say	7 Jack would really enjoy having an app to help him with his dog.

## App Competition

Hi everyone! My name's Jack Mayhew, and I'd like to tell you about an exciting competition at my school, in all the English classes – including mine! Everyone needs to send in an idea for a new app to the school's website. And the prize for the best idea is a mini tablet, worth £100! So I'm busy trying to get some ideas. One of my ideas is called *Checkit!* It's an app that checks you don't forget anything in the mornings. It wakes you up and tells you everything you need to do before you go to school – you know, have a shower, get dressed, have your breakfast. Then it tells you when it's time to leave for school. That way, you're never late!

Another of my ideas is for an app called *MusicMind* that chooses just the right music for you to listen to. So, for example, when you feel sad, it plays sad music. And when you learn a new skateboard trick, it plays happy music! And what about the times when you just can't sleep at night? Then the app finds some music to make you feel sleepy. My friends all think this app sounds awesome!

My last idea is for an app called *Trix* that works with your skateboard. When you do tricks, it can tell you how fast you're going and things like that. And when the trick doesn't work, or you fall, it can tell you

why!

We don't actually have to build the app. Our teacher just wants us to write about one, and why we think it can be useful. Anyway, the truth is, I'd really like an app that can take our dog for a walk instead of me – especially when it's raining!

**2** Read the text about a teenager called Luke Tyndale, and choose the correct answer to the questions – A, B or C.

## Luke Tyndale's blog

In many ways, Luke Tyndale is a typical teenager. He likes looking around the shops in town with his friends or playing football on Saturdays with them, or just watching films at his house with his family. But one thing that Luke does is quite unusual. Every week he writes a blog for other people his age – about growing food and cooking it!

Luke's family live on a farm, so everyone thinks that's where he first got the idea, as he grows fruit and vegetables there. Says Luke, 'Both my parents are great cooks, so I had plenty of chance to learn, but I

wasn't interested.' But then Luke found a collection of recipes in a book that once belonged to his great-grandmother. The ideas he got for dishes were great, and he then began making other dishes he could share with people in a blog, so that they could make them too. He wanted the dishes to be really tasty, but cost very little, and use really fresh ingredients.

When Luke first started his blog, not many people seemed interested in what he was doing, but slowly the numbers of people have grown. Since he started two years ago, he has attracted 2,000 regular readers. Luke was hoping for more, but he's happy!

Luke knows that his readers now expect a new recipe every week, so he has to spend the weekend trying to create a new dish. But he enjoys spending part of his weekend trying different foods and cooking methods to see what works. And growing and picking the fresh ingredients takes time, too, but Luke has learnt a lot from doing it.

Luke still finds time to see his friends. And they all love coming to his house, because they can try the tasty dishes that Luke has prepared – and that's useful for Luke, because they tell him what they think!

1 In the first paragraph, we learn that Luke enjoys

A buying things in town with his friends.

B watching films at his friend's house.

C doing sport with his friends at the weekends.

2 Where did Luke's love of cooking start?

A from living on a farm that produced food

B from the lessons his parents gave him

C from an old book that he discovered

3 When he started cooking, Luke made dishes that

A were exactly like his great-grandmother's.

B other people would also like to try and cook.

C sometimes used expensive ingredients.

4 When Luke first started writing his blog

A it attracted lots of readers very quickly.

B he was disappointed that no-one liked it.

C very few people wanted to read it.

5 What is difficult for Luke about the blog?

A He needs to keep finding new recipes to share.

B He often tries different recipes that don't work.

C He dislikes spending time producing the ingredients.

6 What does Luke say about his friends?

A He'd sometimes like to spend a bit more time with them.

B He likes the fact that they give him their opinion of his food.

C He worries that they won't like what he's cooked.

### 3 Read the film reviews below. Which film – A, B or C – are sentences 1–6 talking about?

#### **A Rocks**

This sci-fi film is the newest from director John Manton, who also made the very funny action comedy Kipper, that some of you may remember. Cinema-goers from Australia to Canada have seen this film, and everyone young and old has really enjoyed it – apart from the reviewers! The special effects are better in Manton's previous films, but don't worry – you'll still enjoy this!

#### **B Forward!**

Thanks to the costumes, make-up and camera work you won't recognise the actors in this sci-fi film – it's all brilliant, and you'll believe you've gone forward in time by 100 years. The film follows three people who went to school together in the US. It shows what's happened to them since then – and, as with all of this director's films, there's plenty of action – and an unexpected love story, too!

#### **C Run**

The last film by this director, Canadian Jon Moss, was about quite a serious subject. But this film will make you laugh out loud – and teenage audiences especially have loved it! But what's missing are all the

exciting car chases that we usually get from Jon Moss. Instead, this is more of a love story – but go and see it for yourself!

#### Which film

- 1 doesn't have as much action as expected? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 is about a group of friends? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 has already opened in other countries? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 is a romantic comedy? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 is good for a wide range of audiences? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 has amazing special effects? \_\_\_\_\_