

## TEST UNIT 8 (Laser A2)

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**1 Read the text. For questions 1–5 choose 'Right', 'Wrong' or 'Doesn't Say'.**

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| 1 Ten people are on the trip.                             | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 2 On Day 5 it was usual for the men to see weird animals. | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 3 Day 8 is a clear sunny day.                             | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 4 On Day 10 lightning was seen before thunder was heard.  | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |
| 5 Cortez decided that he and the men should go home.      | A Right | B Wrong | C Doesn't Say |

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### A Terrible Trip

#### Day 1

It's 3rd December and our trip begins! Ten men and I, Giles Cortez, will travel hundreds of kilometres into Australia. We hope to find a great lake in the large desert that we have heard about in books and from other travellers who have tried to make this very difficult trip.

#### Day 5

It's a beautiful day and the men and I are happy. Yesterday, we travelled about 30km and we saw some very strange things. It was common for us to see creatures in the distance - they didn't look like anything we knew! And the insects - so many of them!

#### Day 8

We're in the desert. There are stones and sand everywhere - there aren't any plants or trees. The sun is shining brightly in the sky. My friend Dominic recorded a temperature of 35°C! Now at 7pm, the temperature has fallen to 18°C. It will be cold sleeping on the ground tonight.

#### Day 10

It's an awful day. It's very windy and we cannot see because of the sand in our eyes. Two hours ago, at 8 in the morning, there was a terrible thunderstorm - but of course, no rain. First, we heard a crash of thunder and then we saw a flash of lightning. We were very frightened that we might be hit.

#### Day 15

It was decided this morning that we will go back. This isn't a place for animals - or people! We haven't discovered any water. The trip has been hard for me and the men. It is 18th December, it is 38°C, and it's time to go home!

**2 Read the text and decide which answer (a, b or c) best fits each gap.**

Hi Jacques,

I'm writing this postcard in Meghalaya in India! It's the wettest place in the world – it gets a lot of (0) a ! Yesterday when we arrived it was hot and (1) \_\_\_\_\_. We were told that the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ was 32°C. This morning, when I looked out of my window I couldn't see anything because there was (3) \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere – it was like the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared during the night! It was beautiful, but also a little (5) \_\_\_\_\_. This afternoon we are going to Shillong. It's hot and quite (6) \_\_\_\_\_ outdoors now, so we will probably get a few (7) \_\_\_\_\_. That's very (8) \_\_\_\_\_ here. That's OK, We want to see Ward's (9) \_\_\_\_\_. I don't think we'll swim there, but we can feed the fish. Oh Jacques, what a country – there's music everywhere, music made by the thousands of (10) \_\_\_\_\_ – birds and insects – that live in this strange and wonderful place!

Bye for now!

Raj

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|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 0 a rain       | b rainy        | c foggy       |
| 1 a frosty     | b sunny        | c snowy       |
| 2 a desert     | b thunder      | c temperature |
| 3 a sun        | b mist         | c wind        |
| 4 a ground     | b earthquake   | c thunder     |
| 5 a weird      | b stormy       | c common      |
| 6 a frosty     | b snowy        | c cloudy      |
| 7 a deserts    | b flashes      | c showers     |
| 8 a sunny      | b common       | c stormy      |
| 9 a Desert     | b Thunderstorm | c Lake        |
| 10 a creatures | b showers      | c flashes     |

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**3 Match the words with their definitions. Write the corresponding letter.**

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| 0 beach <u>f</u>   | a a living thing (animal, insect)              |
| 1 desert _____     | b a very high place                            |
| 2 ice _____        | c a big flash of light during a storm          |
| 3 lightning _____  | d a place with lots of trees                   |
| 4 shower _____     | e when it rains for a short time               |
| 5 mountain _____   | f the land near the sea                        |
| 6 creature _____   | g the floor under your feet                    |
| 7 thunder _____    | h frozen water                                 |
| 8 forest _____     | i place where it doesn't often rain            |
| 9 earthquake _____ | j the sound we hear after a flash of lightning |
| 10 ground _____    | k when the ground shakes                       |

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**4 Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line.**

**0** It's misty over the mountains in the early morning. **MIST**

**1** It's very \_\_\_\_\_ outside; it's going to rain. **CLOUD**

**2** It's \_\_\_\_\_; I can't see the ground! **FOG**

**3** Tomorrow, we'll have a hot \_\_\_\_\_ day. **SUN**

**4** In the south of England, it will be a \_\_\_\_\_ night. **FROST**

**5** It's often wet and \_\_\_\_\_ in the north of Canada. **STORM**

**6** What a horrible \_\_\_\_\_ day – we can't go out. **RAIN**

**7** It's so \_\_\_\_\_ that my papers flew all over the garden. **WIND**

**8** The mountains were \_\_\_\_\_ and the river was frozen. **SNOW** .... / 8

**5 Write a word from the box in each gap to complete the sentences. If no article is necessary, put an (x).**

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Today's geography class is about (0) – Canada, one of the biggest countries in (1) \_\_\_\_\_ world. Canada is near the big country, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ United States of America. However, the people in Canada – the Canadians – are quite different from the Americans. Canada has got a lot of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ water – 7% of all (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Earth's water! On one side of Canada, the side where (5) \_\_\_\_\_ British Columbia is found, there is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Ocean and on the other side, where you find places like (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, there is the Atlantic Ocean. I visited Canada last year and on the day that I arrived there was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ awful storm. Have you ever been in (9) \_\_\_\_\_ thunderstorm? It is very scary! There were flashes of lightning and crashes of thunder. I could feel electricity in (10) \_\_\_\_\_ air! And the rain! I was sure it would never stop.

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**6 Choose the correct word.**

**0** The / A sky is dark today. I think it's going to rain.

**1** Brazil is a / an country in South America.

**2** I hope there aren't **some** / **any** strange creatures under my bed!

**3** The animals in the Galapagos Islands **are** / **is** weird!

**4** Don't you think the platypus is **the** / **an** amazing animal?

**5** I have **some** / **a** knowledge of Australian history, but not much.

**6** I would love to see **the** / **a** River Amazon.

**7** Oh, no! I've lost **any** / **the** money for the tickets! .... / 7



**7 Match the two halves of the sentences. Write the correct letter**

0 Be careful because electricity d

1 This information about camels \_\_\_\_\_

2 I put my money in my pocket but it \_\_\_\_\_

3 On rainy days, my hair \_\_\_\_\_

4 I don't often read the news because it \_\_\_\_\_

5 A beaver's food \_\_\_\_\_

**a** looks awful!

**b** consists of parts of trees and bushes.

**c** is gone.

**d** is really dangerous!

**e** is very interesting.

**f** usually frightens me.

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**8 Listen and choose the best option**

1- The weather in the morning was .....

2- Today in Northern Canada the weather is.....

3- The season in Canada is .....

4- In South America it's....

5- The season in South America is...

6- In some parts of Europe the weather is...

7- In Asia it's...

8- The season in Asia is...

9- In America the weather is.....

Answer: What's the man scared of? .....

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**10 Write the description of a favourite place (80-120 words)**

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