

READING

Part 1

Questions 1–5

Look at the text in each question.

What does it say?

Mark the correct letter **A**, **B** or **C** on your answer sheet.

Example:

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A Buy three films for the price of two.

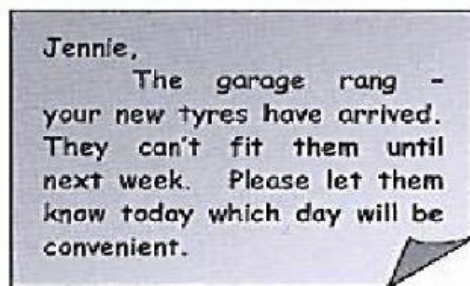
B Get a free film with every one you buy.

C Films bought here are printed free.

Answer:

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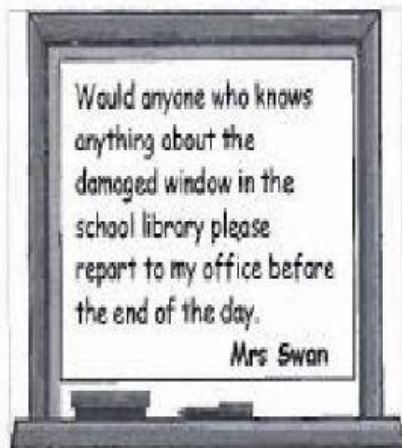
Jennie has to

A ask another garage to fit her tyres.

B arrange a time for the garage to fit the new tyres.

C collect the new tyres from the garage.

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What does Mrs Swan want to do today?

A repair damage done to the library

B discover how a window got broken

C find out who uses the library

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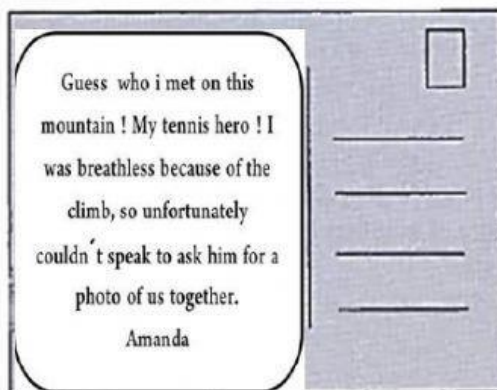
- A The owner of the computer game that is for sale has never used it.
- B The computer game is for sale because the owner is too old for it.
- C The person selling the computer game no longer wants to play with it.

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- A There is a charge for internet access at weekends.
- B Students must always pay to use the internet in the afternoons.
- C It doesn't cost anything to use the internet on weekday mornings.

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- Amanda regrets that she
- A didn't recognise her tennis hero from his photo.
 - B couldn't climb high enough to photograph her tennis hero.
 - C didn't have her photograph taken with her tennis hero.

Part 2

Questions 6–10

The people below are all visiting the same city in Britain and want to find a suitable hotel.

On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight hotels.

Decide which hotel would be the most suitable for the following people.

For questions 6–10, mark the correct letter (A–H) on your answer sheet.

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Stephen is looking for a top-quality hotel which is convenient for the airport, to hold a meeting with visiting German publishers. They will stay overnight and want to take some exercise outdoors after the meeting.

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Karl and Monika want to stay in the city centre overnight at a hotel offering good local food. The next morning they plan to see the main sights. They are not worried about the cost of the hotel.

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James and Denise want a modern, medium-priced hotel in the city, but will eat out during their stay. They also want to see some films in the evenings, somewhere near their hotel.

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David and Katrina have just started work after leaving college and haven't got much money, so they want a reasonably priced hotel. They like country walks and watersports.

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Sue and Belinda want to stay somewhere in the city centre that offers a variety of evening entertainment within the hotel, including live music.

HOTELS

- A** The **Salisbury Hotel** is a top hotel with a health club, swimming pool, shops and a fully-equipped business centre. Within the hotel are three international restaurants, one with a French chef. The hotel is conveniently located close to the motorway, though airport users should allow plenty of time because traffic is usually heavy.
- B** The **Cumberland Hotel** is well placed for sightseeing on a busy city street, in a district which is full of interesting shops. Rooms are expensive but comfortable and the hotel serves excellent food, typical of the area. A piano player entertains guests every night in the bar.
- C** The **Rathmore Hotel** offers good value accommodation, with wonderful English food in the restaurant. The hotel is well-known for its small orchestra which plays while guests have dinner. It is on the eastern edge of the city but special sightseeing buses are available to take guests into the centre (the trip takes over an hour in traffic).
- D** The **Russell Hotel** is close to the airport, and has quiet, comfortable rooms. However, the journey to the city centre can take time, and prices are above average. Delicious local food is served in the restaurant, and its conference rooms and business facilities are excellent. The hotel is surrounded by woodland, offers a golf course, and there are pleasant walks around the nearby lake.
- E** The newly-built **Aviemore Hotel** is small but in the centre of the city's cinema, restaurant and nightclub district. Rooms are clean, comfortable and reasonably priced, although the food is rather basic. There is an electronic games arcade in the hotel.
- F** The **Padnal** is an older hotel in the heart of the city, with ground-floor rooms opening onto a country-style garden. Prices are reasonable. There is a sports centre and a small cinema and nightclub. A band performs every evening in the hotel restaurant, where excellent French food is served. Airport buses pick up from the hotel.
- G** The **Westmore Hotel** is in beautiful countryside to the east of the city. It is peaceful and inexpensive, although the accommodation is basic. There are opportunities nearby for sailing and diving, and a lot of interesting routes to explore on foot.
- H** Although the prices at the **Grange Hotel** are higher than at many city-centre hotels, it has a lot to offer. It shares a modern complex with nightclubs, cinemas, shops and conference facilities, 20 kilometres west of the centre. Trains run from the nearby railway station to the city centre and the airport, although journeys can take up to an hour.

PART 3

Questions 11-15

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Maria Mutola

Former 800 metres Olympic champion

In 1988, Maria Mutola was playing football as the only girl in an all-boys team in a local competition in Mozambique. 'We won,' she said. 'At first no one thought it was a problem that I was a girl. But then the team we beat complained.'

The story appeared in a local newspaper and José Craveirinha, who had encouraged other African athletes, learnt about Maria. He went to meet her and found her kicking a ball around outside the football club. He realised immediately that she was fast. 'He talked to me about athletics. I had no idea what he meant. The only sport I knew about was football. Then he bought me running shoes and took me training. It was such hard work and my legs really ached.' But José visited her parents and persuaded them she could be successful and this would help end their poverty. They agreed to let him take her away to train.

In 1991, she finally accepted an invitation to train in the United States. She had refused previously because she knew she would miss her family. Her background was unlike those of the girls she met in the US. She explains, 'They were good athletes but, while I worried about my parents having enough to eat, they worried about dresses and make-up. They knew very little about me and even less about my problems. But I knew I was lucky to be there. The trainers were brilliant and I learnt a lot.'

Today, Maria still runs and for most of the year she lives happily in South Africa with her mother.

- 11 What is the writer trying to do in the text?
- A persuade more Africans to take up athletics
 - B describe how Maria became a top athlete
 - C give information about Mozambique
 - D explain how Maria manages to stay fit
- 12 José Craveirinha found out about Maria when
- A he went to watch a local football competition.
 - B she was blamed for her team losing a football competition.
 - C he saw an article about her role in a football match.
 - D people complained about another member of her football team.

- 13 When José first introduced Maria to athletics, she
- A didn't know what was involved.
 - B was worried about being injured.
 - C was keen to learn everything he knew.
 - D didn't think her family would approve.
- 14 What does Maria say about the girls she met in the United States?
- A They did not make full use of their abilities.
 - B Their training programmes were less demanding than hers.
 - C They did not show enough respect for the trainers.
 - D Their experiences of life were very different from hers.

15 What would Maria say about her life?

A

José has made all my dreams possible. From the first day we met, I was certain I wanted to become a top athlete.

B

My life hasn't always been easy but I've had many opportunities. Running is important to me and so is my family.

C

I regret becoming involved in athletics. It was horrible leaving Mozambique and my parents. I'd like to go back to football.

D

The US has some wonderful training facilities, so I'm glad that I agreed to go when I was first offered the chance.

READING PART 4

Questions 16–20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Digging into the past

Last year, Kate Marshall was given a very exciting opportunity – to help her father, who's a history lecturer, at a historical site! He was leading a team to dig up and explore the area.

When they arrived, though, the site wasn't quite what Kate had expected.



16 So the first job was to remove it all and prepare the land for digging. Says Kate, 'Dad hadn't warned me I'd have to work so hard as soon as we got there!'

But when the site was completely cleared, the team found pieces of ancient pots on the ground. However, those weren't as exciting as everyone had thought. Kate's dad told them that the important pots were still under the ground. And because no-one had touched them for centuries, the team would learn far more about their history – but first they would have to dig deeper. Says Kate, **17** But we all knew Dad was right!

The site was divided into small squares, with a leader for each square, who told everyone how to dig. 'That wasn't as easy as it sounded, either,' Kate reports. 'Instead of just digging great big holes, we all had to dig really carefully, and remove small amounts of soil each time. **18** So it made sense.'

I'd found. **19** But actually, we were looking for ordinary, everyday objects that could tell us about the people who'd lived in the area centuries ago.'

In the end, though, Kate wasn't disappointed by what she found. 'One day, when I was digging away, I found a stone with a strange shape. **20** Someone had obviously made it hundreds of years ago, which meant it was really important. So Dad cleaned it up, and said it would go to the nearby museum. So I was pleased that at last, I'd found something interesting!'

- A** It turned out to be a small figure of a horse.
- B** No-one made that mistake, luckily.
- C** That way, everyone made sure they didn't miss anything.
- D** In fact, the whole area was actually still covered in grass.
- E** It was a bit sad to see it disappear.
- F** Some people were a bit disappointed by that news.
- G** They probably imagined it was things like gold jewellery.

READING PART 5

QUESTIONS 21-26

For each question, choose the correct answer

Many cities have parks for people to enjoy. And it's very (21) to find wonderful sculptures in them. However, some sculptures found in Fairbanks, Alaska, aren't quite the same as in other cities. When the temperature (22) at the end of winter, they all disappear – because they're made of ice!

Fairbanks has been the home of the World Ice Art Championships for over 20 years, and artists from many different countries come to create spectacular ice sculptures. The ice is brought from a lake (23) near the sculpture park. It's said to be so clear that visitors can read a newspaper through it – even though the individual pieces are over one metre (24) !

Visitors also have the (25) to make their own ice sculptures if they wish, at special classes. There's a children's play park, too, where (26) everything is made of ice, including sculptures of favourite animals. It's a great place to visit!



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|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| 21 A usual | B general | C common | D familiar |
| 22 A develops | B rises | C grows | D builds |
| 23 A located | B arranged | C contained | D attached |
| 24 A heavy | B large | C strong | D thick |
| 25 A occasion | B benefit | C opportunity | D ability |
| 26 A totally | B absolutely | C completely | D fully |

PART 6

Questions 27-32

For each question write the correct word, write one word for each gap.

Learning to swim

by Sophie Webber

Last month, I did something amazing, which I'd almost begun to think wasn't possible. I actually swam one length of the swimming pool! I know it doesn't seem like (27) achievement, because swimming is something that everyone seems to learn really easily. But

there was just (28) way I could manage it. And it wasn't as if I hadn't tried. Apart (29) all the lessons I had at school, I also went swimming with Dad (30) week. But in (31) of all the practice I was getting, I still wasn't able to swim.

Then one day, when I thought Dad was holding me up in the water as usual, I suddenly realised – he wasn't! I was swimming on (32) own, without help! After that, I swam several lengths of the pool.

