

1. Przeczytaj tekst. Dobierz właściwe pytanie (A–F) do każdej części tekstu (4.1.–4.4.). Wpisz odpowiednią literę w każdą kratkę.

Uwaga: dwa pytania zostały podane dodatkowo i nie pasują do żadnej części tekstu.

- A. Why are active people bitten most often?
- B. What time of day are mosquitoes most aggressive?
- C. Why are there so many mosquitoes in the world?
- D. What keeps mosquitoes away?
- E. Why are mosquitoes dangerous?
- F. How do clothes matter?

MOSQUITOES – THE WORLD’S MOST HATED INSECTS

4.1.

If we look at a mosquito, it is very small and does not look scary but this tiny creature can be a real nuisance. Mosquito bites are irritating and can be painful. Some people are also allergic to them. But the biggest problem is that in tropical climates mosquitoes carry diseases, for example malaria, and are responsible for thousands of deaths.

4.2.

It is believed that mosquitoes use their eyes to find victims. They can see very well and their keen sight allows them to find humans easily. Wearing dark-coloured outfits, such as navy blue or black is not a good idea because they attract the attention of mosquitoes. Walkers should remember to wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers if they don’t want to be bitten.

4.3.

Mosquitoes have a very good sense of smell, too. They can find their targets by sensing the odour of the sweat we produce. That’s why mosquitoes often attack athletes, who produce a lot of sweat while exercising. People who jog or exercise outdoors usually have a higher body temperature, which also attracts mosquitoes.

4.4.

So, what about active people who often wear black clothing? What should they do? Mosquitoes hate the smell of eucalyptus, peppermint and lemongrass. If you don’t believe in natural remedies, you can buy chemicals to spray yourself with. However, such products might be dangerous, so scientists are working on more healthy alternatives.

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Zadanie 5. (0–3)

Przeczytaj trzy teksty związane ze wspinaniem się. Z podanych odpowiedzi wybierz właściwą, zgodną z treścią tekstu. Zakreśl jedną z liter: A, B albo C.

Tekst 1.

CLIMBING WALLS LIKE SPIDERMAN? WHY NOT!

Climbing skyscrapers like Spiderman would certainly be fun. The secret to perfect climbing has been found by studying gecko lizards. Scientists from Stanford University have made gloves imitating the microscopic hairs on a gecko’s foot. Their invention makes it possible for humans to stick to any wall and climb without other equipment. The latest version of gecko gloves is safe for an adult human weighing up to 90 kilos. Now NASA scientists are checking if this technology might be used in space exploration.

adapted from www.howitworksdaily.com

5.1. From the text we learn that

- A. the gloves invented by NASA won’t be helpful in space exploration.
- B. the scientists from Stanford University created a sticky wall for their research.
- C. using the gecko gloves might be risky for people heavier than 90 kilos.

Tekst 2.

STAIR RUNNING

Looking for a stair running race in London? Check out the Royal Hospital in Belsize Park. On Thursday, July 7th, from 6.30 p.m., people will be running up 12 floors and 350 steps to reach the top of the hospital.

This is a reasonable distance for beginners, so if you are curious about this unusual sport, this

is the event for you.

Entry is only £10 and there are prizes for the fastest runners.

Sign up now at www.towerrunningbelsize.com.

adapted from <https://towerrunninguk.com>

5.2. The author of this text

A. gives details of a stair running event.

B. offers advice on how to win a stair running event.

C. describes a stair running event he took part in.

Tekst 3.

DON'T CRY

Yesterday, I found my seven-year-old son high up his favourite tree. He was in tears. "Why are you crying?" I asked, a bit worried. "I never want to grow up. EVER!" was his response. I was confused for a moment. Fortunately, I was wise enough not to start a lecture about how nice it is to be mature. I just asked the simple question, "Why?" "Because grown-ups don't climb trees," he said. "You're wrong," I said. "Lots of grown-ups climb trees. Firefighters rescue kitties. Tree surgeons heal sick trees. Telephone service men install phone wiring." He replied, "Oh! I guess I can grow up then!"

adapted from www.lionswhiskers.com

5.3. The text is about

A. a mother worried about her son growing up.

B. a woman discouraging a child from climbing a tree.

C. a young boy's fear of becoming an adult.

Zadanie 6. (0–5)

Przeczytaj tekst. Z podanych odpowiedzi wybierz właściwą, zgodną z treścią tekstu.

Zakreśl jedną z liter: A, B, C albo D.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JOURNALS

In 2012 Queen Elizabeth agreed to make the journals of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, available for everybody to read. Previously, only some historians and biographers had had access to them. The journals tell readers about Victoria's meetings with prime ministers, prominent politicians, times of war and peace, and the Great Exhibition of 1851, which attracted visitors from around the world. But in my opinion, the most exciting parts are about her affection for her husband, especially where she writes about being broken-hearted after his death in 1861. Their relationship is exceptionally well presented and fascinating to read about. The first diary, which started the journals, was given to Victoria by her mother in 1832 so that she could write about her journey to Wales. Victoria was 13 then. She made a lot of interesting comments during this trip. She wrote the journals for the rest of her life. The last entry is from 1901, just 10 days before her death.

One of the events she described in the journals was her own coronation. She was woken at 4 a.m. by gun salutes from St James's Park, and could not get much sleep afterwards because of the noise of the people and marching bands. When she was finally dressed in a beautiful coronation gown, the state coach took her to Westminster Abbey. She was deeply moved by the cheering of the people along the route of the procession. She didn't expect such enthusiasm from the crowds who had come to see the event.

She also wrote about her Diamond Jubilee on 22 June, 1897. She described it as "a never-to-be-forgotten day". Before she left the palace for the celebrations, she wrote, "I touched a button by which I started a message which was telegraphed through the whole Empire." Queen Victoria loved new technology, enjoyed photography and voice recording. During her reign, electricity was first installed in Buckingham Palace – in the Ball Room in 1883, and between 1883 and 1887 in the rest of the palace. If she lived today, she would probably be willing to tweet about various events.

The earliest volumes are in Victoria's handwriting, and later ones were rewritten by her daughter Beatrice who was instructed by her mother to modify the text by taking out parts that

could offend other members of the family. Beatrice spent 40 years rewriting the journals covering the period from 1837 to 1901. Unfortunately for historians, many important fragments were deleted.

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6.1. The author of the text thinks the most interesting parts of the journals

- A. describe an international event.
- B. present social problems.
- C. discuss political issues.
- D. are about Victoria's personal life.

6.2. What made the biggest impression on Victoria on her coronation day?

- A. the loudness of the gun salutes
- B. the reaction of the people
- C. the beauty of her dress
- D. the size of the coach

6.3. What did Victoria do on the day of her Diamond Jubilee?

- A. She took her first photograph.
- B. She used electricity in the palace for the first time.
- C. She sent a telegraph message.
- D. She listened to a recorded message.

6.4. While rewriting the journals, Beatrice

- A. removed some sections.
- B. offended the Royal Family.
- C. added some important facts.
- D. followed advice given by historians.

6.5. The author of the text

- A. informs readers about Queen Victoria's journeys abroad.
- B. explains why the journals have been kept secret.
- C. describes how Queen Victoria's journals were discovered.
- D. presents some facts about an important publication.