1 Reading Comprehension (Part 1)

Read the five texts, items 1 – 5. Then read the headlines a – j.
Decide which headline a – j goes best with which text.
Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

a) **Free furniture for Christmas**

b) **Full stores all over Britain**

c) **Help a homeless person – and yourself**

d) **Meals for the homeless**

e) **Largest number of passengers**

f) **Plans to increase road safety**

g) **Police arrest bus driver**

h) **School dinner causes serious illness**

i) **Shopping centre accident avoided**

j) **Tired drivers a danger on the road**

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1.

At least 100 Sussex children and staff are thought to be suffering from food poisoning after a Christmas meal. A third of all pupils – aged between nine and 13 – and 10 teachers were struck down after eating a turkey lunch on Wednesday. No one is thought to have been hospitalized.

2.

Travellers flocked to Heathrow Airport yesterday at the start of its busiest ever fortnight. Two million people are expected to travel through the airport between this weekend and 5 January, thanks to the start of the ski season and the traditional Christmas holiday period.

3.

Southend police used patrol cars to block the path of a runaway double-decker bus yesterday as it careered driverless towards a shopping area. Two men had just jumped from the vehicle, which had been reported stolen. Two men in their thirties were arrested.

4.

A London furniture company is putting a £1,500 sofa up for sale for £1 – in return for a promise from the buyer to take someone in need into their home at Christmas. Whoever wins the prize will have to nominate someone who is homeless, or living on their own, or is otherwise not going to have much of a Christmas.

5.

More road accidents are caused by drivers who fall asleep at the wheel than is generally recognized, an MP claimed yesterday. He has called for Government action to help solve the problem.

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1 Reading Comprehension (Part 2)

Read the following text, then choose the answers to questions 6 – 10 and mark your answer on the answer sheet.

Active Villagers

Residents of a small Welsh-speaking community have clubbed together to buy the post office and shop, ten years after buying the pub.

The people of Llithfaen, Caernarfonshire were determined to prevent their village losing its focal point. Ten years ago they paid £40,000 for the pub, called the Victoria, and now they have helped to keep the shop open. Most of the cost, £19,500, was met by the local council and a European Union grant, but the villagers needed to raise a further £6,000 to buy the shop from the owner who is retiring.

John Jones, chairman of the community committee, said: "We went around every house and came back with £500 more than we needed. The post office and the pub are essential to the life of the village. There are no other amenities.

"We were not prepared to stand by and let the heart and soul be ripped out of our community. No one else was going to help us so we decided to buy them ourselves." Llithfaen had a population of 600 but that halved when nearby granite quarries were closed. The primary school was shut because of the population decline but the locals turned it into a leisure centre and youth club.

The shop has been leased to Ffion Medi Llywelyn, 24, who lives in the village with her husband, Dillon. She said: "There is a wonderful community spirit here."

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Answer the following questions from the information given in the text.

6. The Llithfaen Post Office
- a) closed ten years ago.
- b) has been saved by the local people.
- c) has now closed.

7. The shop has been bought
- a) by the local council.
- b) for £40,000.
- c) with the help of the people who live in the area.

8. The shop was going to close
- a) because of a decision by the European Union.
- b) because the owner needed the money.
- c) because the owner thought he was too old to run the shop.

9. £500
- a) was paid by every person in the village.
- b) was paid by the owner of the pub.
- c) was the amount of money the villagers still had after the village post office had been bought.

10. Llithfaen no longer has
- a) a leisure centre.
- b) a pub.
- c) a school.

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1 Reading Comprehension (Part 3)

Read questions 11 – 20 and then read the texts a – l.
In which of the texts can you find what you are looking for?

For each of the items 11 – 20, decide which text goes with the situation described. Each text can only be used once. Mark your answers on the answer sheet. In one or two cases, there may be no text for the situation. Then mark x.

11. A colleague would like to stay with a family in Italy.

12. A friend wants to learn French and take an examination at the end of the course.

13. Someone you know wants to learn English next summer at a university in England.

14. Your friend wants to learn English in a language school in or near London.

15. You want to have a technical report translated into your language.

16. You want to learn English for your job and meet people from British companies during the course.

17. You want to learn English in order to be able to work in the travel business and would like to take a course in Canada.

18. You want to learn French and enjoy winter sports at the same time.

19. You want to learn French in Canada and stay in a family.

20. You want to learn Italian but don't have much time.

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