Read the text. Then do the following activities.



LYME REGIS

Lyme Regis, the 'Pearl of Dorset', is a small village on the south coast of England. Lyme Regis hasn't got famous landmarks or big hotels. But it has got something unique – Lyme Regis is famous for its fossils.

Lyme Regis is an important part of Britain's Jurassic Coast. This coast is 153 kilometres of magnificent cliffs and beaches. It's called Jurassic Coast because it's got so many fossils. People come to Lyme Regis from all over the world to collect fossils. The fossils are found on the beach and in the cliffs. There are even fossils in the windows and walls of the houses in the village.

According to Dr Colin Dawes, children are expert fossil finders. They are short so they can see small things on the ground. Mary Anning (1799-1847), Lyme Regis' most famous fossil finder, began looking for fossils when she was a child because she was born in the town and grew up there. The Anning family lived in poverty and anonymity. When she was only 11, she discovered her most important fossil – an ichthyosaurus (a giant sea animal). Later, she also discovered a plesiosaur (a sea reptile) and a pterosaur (a flying reptile). As time passed, Mary Anning and her family were forgotten by the scientific community and most historians, but today she is known as the first woman palaeontologist.

Because of Mary's discoveries, the village of Lyme Regis became famous. For the last two hundred years, scientists from all over the world have come to look for fossils.

Apart from palaeontologists, we can find important writers who came to Lyme Regis and wrote important novels. One of them was Jane Austen who wrote *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey* there. Another was the author John Fowles who lived in Lyme Regis and his best-known novel, *The French Lieutenant's Woman*, was set there. The film adaptation also features the famous Cobb, which is a protective harbour from storms built in the 14th century.

1. Choose the best answer. Only one is correct.

1) You won't find… in Lyme Regis.

a. cliffs
b. beaches
c. fossils
d. landmarks

2) Lyme Regis is known for its…

a. fossils.
b. big hotels.
c. landmarks.
d. pearls.

3) Lyme Regis is…

a. 153 kilometres south of the Jurassic Coast.
b. full of fishers thanks to its harbour.
c. an important part of Britain's Jurassic Coast.
d. empty in the winter.

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4) According to Dr Colin Dawes, children are expert fossil finders because…
   - **a.** they are very curious.
   - **b.** they are short to find things on the ground.
   - **c.** the fossils are like toys.
   - **d.** they study them at school.

5) Mary Anning…
   - **a.** went to live there when she was a teenager.
   - **b.** was from a rich Lyme Regis' family.
   - **c.** was born and grew up in Lyme Regis.
   - **d.** hated the fossil finders.

6) Apart from palaeontologists and fossil finders, we can find in Lyme Regis…
   - **a.** painters who love the Britain's Jurassic Coast.
   - **b.** writers who were inspired by Lyme Regis.
   - **c.** rock climbers who love climbing the cliffs.
   - **d.** Surfers who look for the tidal wave.

7) The famous Cobb of Lyme Regis is…
   - **a.** a window in the village.
   - **b.** a protective harbour from storms.
   - **c.** a square in the village.
   - **d.** the main road of the village.

2. Match A to B to make sentences with the information of the text.

1) Lyme Regis is known as	**a)** 200 years ago.
2) The Jurassic Coast is	**b)** in the windows and walls of the houses in the village.
3) In Lyme Regis you can see fossils	**c)** the 'Pearl of Dorset'.
4) Mary Anning is known as	**d)** on England's south coast.
5) Scientists first came to Lyme Regis	**e)** the first woman palaeontologist.

3. Choose the correct word.

1) An ichthyosaurus is a **big** – **giant** – **tiny** sea animal.
2) A plesiosaur is a **sea** – **earth** – **air** reptile.
3) A pterosaur is a **swimming** – **flying** – **walking** reptile.
4) Jane Austen wrote ***Pride and Prejudice*** – ***Lady Susan*** – ***Persuasion*** in Lyme Regis.
5) John Fowles set his best-known novel ***The Collector*** – ***The French Lieutenant's Woman*** – ***The Magus*** in Lyme Regis.

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