

Question 23

**Read the text and choose the best answer to fill in the blanks.**

**The American black bear**

Black bears are the smallest American bears. They are also the ones that are found across the biggest **23.1 building/ room/ space/ area** in North America.

They eat plants, insects, fish, and meat, but when the seasons change and they **23.2 move/ leave/ arrive/ sleep** from place to place, they find different kinds of food to eat. They usually live in forests, but they leave the shelter of the trees to look **23.3 over/ at/ for/ after** food. Sometimes they go into towns because they find food more easily there, often in rubbish bins. They don't often hurt people, **23.4 if/ because/ but/ and** they can be dangerous. They leave marks on trees using their teeth. This is a way of leaving **23.5 words/ messages/ actions/ letters** to other bears.

There are many American black bears and scientists do not think they are in danger of dying out.

*(Adapted from COLLINS A2 KET 8 TESTS)*

**Read the following passage then choose the best answer to each question below.**

When we moved to our new house near the sea, I was eight years old. Even before that, I had spent every summer messing about on boats. My dad had taught me to sail before I learnt to ride a bike so I knew how I wanted to spend my time at the new house - I was going to get my own boat and sail it every day. The house was only a few meters from the water's edge, and in rough weather, the waves would come crashing into the front garden. I used to sit with my nose pressed to the glass, fascinated by the power of the ocean. I grew up watching the skies to see if it was going to rain; would I be going sailing that afternoon or not?

Of course, I sometimes wished I could live in the town like my friends. I used to get angry with my parents, who had taken early retirement because they seemed incapable of getting anywhere on time. Dad drove me the eight miles to school every day, but I was often late because he had been walking on the cliffs earlier in the morning and had lost track of time. When I was taking my university entrance exams, I used to stay over at a friend's in town, just in case. All in all, I was lucky to grow up by the sea and I still love to sail.

Question 24

**At the age of eight, the writer's house was \_\_\_\_.**

- A. in the town
- B. under the mountain
- C. on boat
- D. by the sea

Question 25

**According to the passage, all of the following are true EXCEPT \_\_\_\_.**

- A. the writer knew how to ride a bike
- B. it was 11 miles from his house to school
- C. the waves crashed into the front garden
- D. his father drove him to school

Question 26

**The writer's father retired early because \_\_\_\_.**

- A. he walked on the cliffs every morning
- B. he was unable to get anywhere on time
- C. he had to drive his kid to school every day
- D. he lost track of time

Question 27

**When taking the university entrance exams, \_\_\_\_.**

- A. the weather was terrible
- B. the writer's family moved to a new house by the sea
- C. the writer had to live in a friend's house
- D. the writer's father drove him/ her to university

Question 28

**Growing up by the sea, the writer felt \_\_\_\_.**

- A. excited
- B. angry
- C. unlucky
- D. lucky

**Read the following passage then choose the best answer to each question below.**

### **EXERCISE CAN BE FUN!**

Exercise has become a huge part of our world. There are gyms everywhere, but if you're not keen on them, there are hundreds of exercise videos to choose from. Exercise is good for you. It makes you feel better, look better, and can help you live longer.

But what happens if you are the kind of person who would do anything rather than spend five minutes on an exercise bike, including cleaning the house, visiting a boring relative or watching a terrible TV program? If you are that kind of person, you need a plan!

First of all, decide when you are going to exercise. Choose three times a week, like me. Write EXERCISE in your diary, on your calendar, on the wall if necessary! Then make sure you do it. Don't do anything else. I never make other arrangements.

Next, vary what you do. I went to the same aerobics class for two years! No wonder I was bored! Now I use different machines at the gym, I often change my jogging route and I never do aerobics.

Make exercise fun and find an exercise you enjoy. Why not play a sport, or join a dance class? I recently started a modern dance class. It's great fun and I've met lots of new people, but as soon as I get bored I'll find something else.

**27. What is the writer's main aim in writing the text?**

- A. to describe different ways of keeping fit.
- B. to persuade people about the benefits of exercise.
- C. to talk about the exercise classes she goes to.
- D. to encourage people to take exercise.

**28. What does the reader learn about the writer's habits?**

- A. She exercises three times a week.
- B. She often exercises with friends.
- C. She does aerobics regularly.
- D. She runs the same route every day.

**29. What does the writer say about herself?**

- A. She prefers to exercise at home.
- B. She isn't keen on joining classes.
- C. She likes to do different kinds of exercise.
- D. She doesn't like watching TV.

**30. What does she say about her dance class?**

- A. She sometimes finds it boring.
- B. She may not do it forever.
- C. She thinks some people are unfriendly.
- D. She prefers doing sport.

**31. What would be another good title for the article?**

- A. Exercise may be boring, but it's good for you.
- B. Many people do too much exercise.
- C. Regular exercise is best.
- D. Exercising once a week is better than nothing.