

Read the following passage and answer all the questions.

### **Swimming the Channel**

Sixteen-year-old Hazel Killingbeck has just swum the English Channel, crossing it in 15 hours. She's not the youngest but is perhaps the bravest. She didn't care about being young or particularly fast. She just wanted to raise £2,500 for charity. Her father was with her all the way, shouting to her from his boat. 'I've never done a big swim without him and I really needed to hear his voice,' Hazel said. He also gave her food to keep her energy levels up.

Hazel described her experience. 'The first twelve hours went well. I felt powerful, the weather was great and the wind was in the right direction. Then the wind changed and it became really hard. I could see France in the distance but thought I would never reach it. The swim is 32 km in a straight line, but of course the wind and tides keep changing so the real distance is greater. On this occasion, it was closer to 50 km, although on a good day it's less than 40 km.'

'At one point, I felt like I was dreaming,' she said. 'I also got scared when the sun went down - I thought that Dad couldn't see me and that I might get lost at sea. I know that some swimmers, when they're tired, start worrying about all the big fish and other horrible creatures in the water below them. I just remember that the salt in my mouth made me incredibly thirsty. My body ached but giving up wasn't an option.'

**For questions 1-3, please answer in complete sentences. (2 marks each)**

1. Why did Hazel swim the Channel?

2. Name one way that her father helped her.

3. When did Hazel start to find the swim difficult?

**For questions 4-8, (✓) the box. (1 marks each)**

4. Hazel is the youngest person to swim the Channel.

True  False

5. At the beginning of her swim, the wind helped Hazel.

True  False

6. What distance did Hazel swim to cross the Channel?

A about 32 kilometres  
B almost 40 kilometres  
C around 50 kilometres

A  B  C

7. Hazel was afraid of

A falling asleep while swimming.  
B the creatures in the sea.  
C losing her way.

A  B  C

8. Towards the end of her swim, Hazel wanted to

A have a drink of water.  
B break the world record.  
C give up her attempt.

A  B  C

**Write the words in the box. (1 mark each)**

9. Find the word in the passage which means the **OPPOSITE** of:

*weak (paragraph 2)*

10. Find the word in the passage which means the **SAME** as:

*under (paragraph 3)*



Read the three advertisements for colleges and answer the questions. For each question choose the correct college, A, B or C. You might need to choose each college more than once.

A

### **Alton College**

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B

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C

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### **Which college,**

**Alton**

**(A)**

**Benswick**

**(B)**

**Carson**

**(C)**

.... has been open the longest?	example	C
.... offers courses for teenagers only?	1	
.... has a language course?	2	
.... is closest to the town centre?	3	
.... has some courses which cost nothing?	4	
.... is closed in the evening?	5	
.... has its own café?	6	
.... has a private car park?	7	