Test Reading

1 For each question choose the correct answer A,B or C.

1 What is Bruce trying to do?

Hi Eva,
Please come to the talk this evening! You won't regret it! Perhaps we can have a pizza for dinner when it finishes.
Bruce

A Bruce is trying to persuade Eva to do something.
B Bruce wants to talk to Eva this evening.
C Bruce is asking Eva for a recipe for a pizza.

2 Who will be interested in this advertisement?

- Are you aged 16–24?
- Do you live in the London area?
- Can you sing and dance?
- Would you like to be an extra?

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A Teenagers who want to learn to sing and dance.
B People who want to live in London.
C Young people who want to be in a musical.

3 Which statement is correct?

They were produced in Japan and they became popular in the 1980s. Today many homes have one. They are usually used to warm up food.

A This is an advertisement for a product.
B This explains how to use a product.
C This describes a popular product.

4 What advice does the leaflet give?

- Don't waste water!
- Don't take a bath – have a shower.
- Use a dishwasher – don't wash dishes by hand.

A If you have a shower, you will save water.
B You won't waste water if you wash dishes by hand.
C Your dishes will be cleaner if you use a dishwasher.

5 What is Charlie's problem?

Don't worry too much, Charlie. Lots of people have this problem. It's a good idea to join after-school clubs. They're good places to meet people and make friends.

Sarah

A He doesn't know which club to join.
B He worries about his school work.
C He hasn't got friends.

6 What happened?

There were no fingerprints, but there were some footprints. A witness told us she saw a tall man outside the museum. He was carrying two large paintings and he drove away in a blue van.

A A man painted a picture.
B There was a crime.
C A van was stolen from the museum.

7 Which statement gives true information?

New Zealand in Numbers

Number of people: 4,796,000
Number of sheep: about 27,400,000
Number of kiwis (a type of bird): about 68,000

A There are sixty-eight thousand kiwi birds in New Zealand.
B There are six thousand eight hundred kiwis in New Zealand.
C There are four million seven hundred and ninety-six people in New Zealand.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2a Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

1 What happened to Stephen Venables when he was nine years old?

a He was able to compare two different mountain ranges.

b He realised where he would like to live in the future.

c He decided what he wanted to do in his life.

2 What is the writer's purpose in this article?

a To describe the best way to climb a mountain.

b To tell the story of a mountain climber.

c To explain why mountain climbing is dangerous.



Climb every mountain

Stephen Venables' love of mountains began at nine years old on a skiing trip to the Alps. 'I was thrilled,' he remembers. 'It was actually far more impressive and exciting than seeing the Himalayas for the first time, because when you're nine it's all new and you don't know what to expect.'

From that moment, Stephen knew that he wanted to climb mountains, but he didn't realise then that one day he would be the first British man to climb Everest without oxygen. However, his record-breaking expedition in 1988 was not an easy one. [1]___ After years of climbing, he was prepared for this and he knew that the best thing he could do was wait for the weather to change.

'At first I tried sitting on a rock because rock is warmer than snow, but it wasn't completely flat. I really wanted to lie down so I decided to cut a ledge in the snow. I did sleep a bit,' he says. 'They always say you should stay awake but I was totally exhausted.' Fortunately, the storm passed, and Stephen managed to climb back down to his camp and enter the record books.

The Everest expedition wasn't Stephen's only difficult climb. [2]___ 'It was very unlucky that it happened, but I was lucky that there were five of us.' The group included Chris Bonnington and Stephen's good friend Harish Kapadia. It took them twelve hours to make camp in a safe place. Then two of the team went for help.

'I think that was one of the most wonderful moments of my life – finally being in the tent and realising that I could just lie back in my sleeping bag.' [3]___ By that time, there was almost no food left. 'On the last day we had a boiled sweet and we used the last tea bag so many times that it wasn't actually changing the colour of the water.' But luckily, the team managed to keep going until help arrived.

2b Read the text again. Match sentences A-E with gaps 1-3. There are two extra sentences.

A But Stephen didn't know then that the rescue would take four days.

B While he was climbing Everest, he met the climber Chris Bonnington for the first time.

C In 1992, while climbing another Himalayan mountain, he fell 100 m, breaking both his legs.

D It was the second time that he needed medical attention because of his injuries.

E He was coming down from the top of the mountain when he was caught in a snowstorm.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

3 Read the text and answer the questions.

Jane Austen is one of the most famous novelists in the English language. She was born in Hampshire, England, in 1775. She spent her early life in the village where she was born. At that time, most women got married, had children and stayed at home. Austen was different. She didn't get married – she wrote novels. But 200 years ago, women didn't write books. When Sense and Sensibility was printed in 1811, Austen's name wasn't on it. The cover of the book said: '*Sense and Sensibility, A Novel By a Lady*'. In fact, her name wasn't printed on any of her other six books.

Austen also wrote about 3,000 letters. In them, she talked about her daily life and the people that she met. Unfortunately, the letters were burned by her sister when Austen died. As a result, we don't know a lot about her personal life. Austen became ill in 1816 and died in 1817. She was only 41 years old.

Today people all over the world love her books. 318,000 copies of *Pride and Prejudice* were sold in 2007. This is a little strange. People don't have exciting adventures in her books. They don't find magic rings and they don't commit crimes. Her stories are about relationships. So why are her books so popular? The answer is simple. Her characters are fantastic. Some are funny; others are silly; all of them are interesting. Her women heroines are intelligent, and the stories end happily. If you get the chance, read one of her books. You will love it!



0 When was Jane Austen born?

She was born in 1775.

1 Where did she live when she was young?

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2 What did most women do in the 18th and 19th century?

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3 How many novels did Austen write?

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4 Who burned Austen's letters?

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5 How many copies of Pride and Prejudice did people buy in 2007?

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6 Why do people like her books?

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