

**TRUE, FALSE, NOT GIVEN - IELTS Reading****Exercise 3**

Hot-air ballooning is generally a safe activity, and serious accidents are rare. In the event that something does go wrong, several items of safety gear are useful to have on board. In case, the pilot light and the auxiliary piezo ignition fail, it is a good idea to have a welding torch flint sparkler available for the pilot's use. Given the propane combustion used to propel the hot-air balloon, a fire extinguisher is an absolute necessity. Flame-resistant gauntlets made out of either leather or Nomex are required for the pilot so that a gas valve can be disabled even if an open flame is present. While Nomex is a specially manufactured synthetic form of fire retardant material, synthetic clothing is generally a hindrance to fire safety, and clothing made of natural fiber is a superior option for pilots. Finally, a handling line – a long rope that can be thrown overboard – is a vital precautionary measure that allows people on the ground to steer the balloon away from trouble.

1. *Fatal accidents are more common in hot-air balloons*
2. *Safety gears are always available on the hot-air balloons*
3. *It is unnecessary to carry a fire extinguisher in the hot-air balloons.*
4. *Flame-resistant gauntlets made of leather are one of the required items for a pilot.*
5. *People on the ground use handling rope to steer the balloon.*

**Exercise 4:**

All dinosaurs, whether large or small, quadrupedal or bipedal, fleet-footed or slow-moving, shared a common body plan. Identification of this plan makes it possible to differentiate dinosaurs from any other types of animal, even other archosaurs. Most significantly, in dinosaurs, the pelvis and femur had evolved so that the hind limbs were held vertically beneath the body, rather than sprawling out to the sides like the limbs of a lizard. The femur of all dinosaur hull a sharply in-turned neck and a half-shaped bead, which slotted into a fully open acetabulum or hip socket. A supra-acetabular crest helped prevent dislocation of the femur. The position of the knee joint, aligned below the acetabulum, made it possible for the whole hind limb to swing backward and forwards. This unique combination of features gave dinosaurs what is known as a "fully improved gait." Evolution of this highly efficient method of walking also developed in mammals, but among reptiles, it occurred only in dinosaurs.

1. *The dinosaurs were known as "fully improved gait."*
2. *Archosaurs and dinosaurs are of the same species.*
3. *The evolution of walking evolved in all the reptiles and in humans.*
4. *The dinosaurs' hind limbs are sprawling out of the sides like the limbs of a lizard.*
5. *It is the knee joint position aligned below the acetabulum that makes it possible for the entire hind limbs to swing back and forth.*