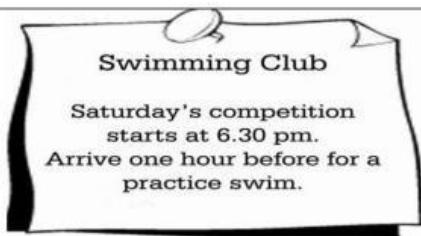


ENGLISH READING PRACTICE TEST 2

PART 1. Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Mark the correct letter A, B, C on your answer sheet.

Questions 1-5

1	James, Have bought some sugar for your biscuits (butter in fridge). Sorry, forgot the flour, get more at Mullin's store. Turn oven off afterwards! Harry	To make biscuits, James needs to buy A. Butter B. Flour C. Sugar
2	Tom, My mum forgot to get us any snacks! Can you bring some when you come to my house tonight? Jake's bringing lots of CDs! Harry	Harry is contacting Tom to A. tell him to provide some music for tonight. B. invite him to Harry's house tonight. C. ask him to take food with him tonight.
3	 A sign for a Swimming Club. It says "Swimming Club" at the top, followed by "Saturday's competition starts at 6.30 pm." and "Arrive one hour before for a practice swim.".	A. The swimming competition will last for one hour. B. All swimmers should get some practice before Saturday. C. There is an opportunity to swim before the competition starts.
4	ZIGGY'S INTERNET CAFÉ 45 minutes- \$1.00 4 hours or more- \$5.00	A. If you wish to use the internet for more than 45 minutes speak to Ziggy. B. There is a maximum charge of \$5.00 to use the internet. C. You can use the internet for up to four hours at a time.
5	School Fitness Center From the end of August, the Fitness Center will be closed during the weekends and evenings	The School Fitness Center will A. change its opening hours at the end of August. B. have shorter opening hours until the end of August. C. open again to students at the end of August.

PART 2. Read the passage below and fill in each blank with one

suitable word. Questions 6-15

Although doctors have been warning about the dangers of cigarettes

(6) _____ over fifty years, the number of people who smoke is still very high.

These people are not (7) ____; they do worry (8) ____ their health; they know the risks they are (9) _____ with their lives. They also realise how much money they are (10) _____ on cigarettes, yet they still find it almost impossible to give them (11) _____. Smoking is also much more socially unacceptable now.

A lot of people are (12) ____ smoking in public places – I personally can't (13) _____ sitting next to a smoker in a restaurant, and I just don't go into (14) _____ bars anymore because I know what the air will be like. But we have to remember that most smokers do want to stop. Instead of criticising them, perhaps we should give them a (15) _____.

6. A. from	B. since	C. for	D. during
7. A. funny	B. silly	C. sensitive	D. ambitious
8. A. about	B. over	C. with	D. around
9. A. doing	B. making	C. having	D. taking
10. A. earning	B. making	C. wasting	D. saving
11. A. in	B. up	C. out	D. to
12. A. again	B. allow	C. against	D. above
13. A. mind	B. stand	C. say	D. like
14. A. crowded	B. blocked	C. filled	D. packed
15. A. help	B. ham	C. hold	D. hand

PART 3. Read the text to decide if each statement is TRUE

or FALSE. Questions 16-25

35. The author's main purpose in writing the passage is to

- A. Define and describe amphibians
- B. Contrast different types of amphibians
- C. Trace the development of amphibians from larvae to adults
- D. Explain how amphibians differ from other creatures

36. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT a characteristic of amphibians?

- A. They have three-chambered hearts
- B. They lay eggs without shells
- C. They are cold-blooded
- D. They have claws on their toes

37. According to the passage, the term **double metamorphosis** in paragraph 2 refers to the fact that

- A. First breathe through their gills, then through their lungs, then through their skin
- B. Change both the shape of their bodies and the way in which they lay eggs
- C. First live in the water, then on land, then in mud in the bottom of ponds and lakes
- D. Change both their methods of breathing and their feeding habits

38. It can be inferred from the passage that amphibians' ability to breathe through their skin is especially useful during the.....

- A. Summer
- B. fall
- C. winter
- D. spring

39. All of the following are identified in the passage as amphibians EXCEPT

- A. Newts
- B. Salamanders
- C. Caecilians
- D. Lizards

40. In paragraph 4, the word **they** refers to

- A. Tails
- B. Adults
- C. Toads
- D. Frogs