Part 4

Questions 16 – 20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below.

For each question, choose the correct answer.

There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Alexander Selkirk – the real Robinson Crusoe

Alexander Selkirk was a sailor who had many adventures, including living alone on an island in the South Pacific Ocean. Many people believe the novel called *Robinson Crusoe* was based on Alexander's life.

Alexander Selkirk's real family name was Selcraig. He was born in a Scottish fishing village in 1676 and was known throughout the village for his bad behaviour. After getting into a fight with his brothers, he was told to appear before a court of law. **16** [ ] Changing his surname to Selkirk, he left Scotland to take part in an expedition to South America. However, this wasn't an ordinary trip at all: Alexander had joined a pirate ship.

Life on board the ship was tougher than nineteen-year-old Alexander had imagined. **17** [ ] This led to anger and disagreements among the crew. What made the situation worse was that the ship's captain, Charles Pickering, became ill with a fever, and an officer called Thomas Stradling took control of the ship. **18** [ ] Both Thomas Stradling and Alexander Selkirk were young, proud and had strong characters. Their dislike of each other increased while the ship stopped at an unknown island in the South Pacific.

When it was time for the ship to continue its journey, Alexander refused to go, insisting the ship wasn't safe. **19** [ ] He was sure the rest of the crew would agree with him and not with the captain, but he was wrong. However, Alexander was convinced it was dangerous to stay on the ship so he demanded that they leave him on the island. Unfortunately for him, the ship sailed off and left him alone there with hardly any food.

Alexander had to live all by himself until he was rescued four years later by another passing ship. During his time on the island, he hunted for lobster and other shellfish. **20** [ ] He kept himself busy building fires and a hut to live in, but he was always lonely. When Alexander was finally rescued, he learnt that Thomas Stradling's ship had been unsafe and had sunk.

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A This new captain was extremely unpopular, and fights became common.

B He also collected wild fruit and vegetables to eat.

C Alexander regretted his decision to leave the island.

D The sailors had little to eat and suffered many illnesses.

E The two of them had nothing in common.

F To support his argument, he pointed out all the repairs it needed.

G His family never stopped worrying about him.

H To avoid being punished, he decided to run away.

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