

TEST 2 B (Units 3 - 4)

(Time: 80 minutes)

Section A

You are going to read a magazine article about unusual creatures. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A-H), the one which fits each gap (1-6). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).

The Creatures that Time Forgot

The process of evolution has been very hard on some creatures. Just think of the dinosaurs. These, and many other species, were unable to adapt to the changing environment and as a result died out. But sometimes, a species has managed to hide away and live on. **0** **F**

The remarkable thing about these three is that they have not changed for millions of years. They have remained hidden away in some of the darkest underwater places on earth. **1** They lack light and food and the creatures that live in them have had to struggle to survive. Since caves are isolated places, the creatures found in them are often completely unique.

2 It is the white salamander, which is a member of a species 350 million years old - older than the dinosaur. Over the last 20 million years, it has been driven to isolated places as it tried to escape its hunters. The underwater cave was the ideal place. In fact the salamander managed to hide so successfully that the first sighting wasn't reported until 1689.

The salamander is usually a pale, milky colour and almost blind, with only very simple eyes. **3** The salamander is under threat, though, as a result of pollution in underground rivers. Scientists have had problems trying to develop salamander eggs, so

they have created a laboratory in underwater caves in order to do this.

In equally dark caves under the sea, there has been an even more surprising discovery: a sponge that eats meat. **4** The water is cold and still, and containing very little nutrition. Faced with this lack of food that other sponges take from the water, this species started catching tiny sea animals like shrimps and prawns and eating them. **5**

The most famous of all these creatures though is the coelacanth. This ancient fish has lived in the sea for more than 300 million years. Until 1938, scientists thought it had died out a long time before. Then, one was caught in the Indian Ocean. **6** A recent study showed that, unlike other fish, it lives and breeds in caves, and the only time it ventures out is for food.

As a result of fishing and tourism, the coelacanth is in great danger of dying out. Experts say there are only about 200 of them left. It seems that the isolation which protected these ancient creatures for millions of years is no more. Human beings are, of course, the biggest threat to them, and now that their secret places have been discovered, they have nowhere left to go.

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| A | The most exotic of these creatures lives deep in an underwater cave in Europe. |
| B | The fish had fins like legs and these have not changed over millions of years. |
| C | It was discovered in a cave that was flooded 7,000 years ago. |
| D | These are caves which have not been properly explored. |
| E | This was the only way this strange creature could survive. |
| F | Meat-eating sponges, coelacanths and the white salamander are members of three such species. |
| G | It can live up to 100 years, and can apparently survive for decades without food. |
| H | Many dinosaurs lived in caves because they were hunted. |

Section G

Choose the correct item.

41. The air-hostess told the passengers to fasten their seatbelts and the strap to fit.
A) adjust B) adapt C) adopt D) acquire
42. Don't think Mr Imrie will change his mind easily. He's very !
A) greedy B) conceited C) stubborn D) snobbish
43. We can't go on holiday this year - our are too low.
A) fees B) funds C) fines D) costs
44. The Romans built many dedicated to Diana, Goddess of the Hunt.
A) temples B) monuments C) columns D) posts
45. There are several types of insects which live in
A) communities B) societies C) associations D) colonies

Section H

Fill in the correct word derived from the words in bold.

46. I don't believe in the of ghosts. **EXIST**
47. Adrienne is a very worker, and is a credit to our company. **INDUSTRY**
48. Having to move back home after university, Jonathan really missed his **DEPEND**
49., the author is releasing his new book next month. **APPEAR**
50. It would be of him to give up his job before finding another one. **SENSE**

Section I

Complete the sentences using the words in bold. Use two to five words.

51. Sandra set her alarm clock an hour earlier, so that she wouldn't be late.
avoid Sandra set her alarm clock an hour earlier late.
52. Sammy went to the bank to open an account.
view Sammy went to the bank an account.
53. I always think of Matt as a generous person.
regard I being a generous person.
54. "You took my car without asking me, didn't you Joe?" Tom said.
accused Tom car without asking him.
55. Sarah took the train into town because the bus drivers were on strike.
due Sarah took the train into townthe bus drivers were on strike .

Choose the correct particle(s).

31. Our car runs **on / off / by** unleaded petrol.
32. As I couldn't dial direct, I called the operator to put me **off / on / through**.
33. While she was ill, Polly fell **away / back / behind** with her school work.
34. Jill was so busy that she had to put **aside / off / on** her hairdresser's appointment.
35. After fainting, Chris didn't come **over / round / back** until she was taken to hospital.

Reading and Use of English Part 2

For questions 1–8, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

The importance of physical activity

The pace (0) of modern life is very fast, and most people have busy and demanding lives. Consequently, eating (1) _____ balanced diet and doing physical activity make a big difference to overall health. (2) _____ we are all aware of how important exercise is for us, from our brains to our bones, many people spend far (3) _____ little time exercising. The good news is that (4) _____ is easier than you think to fit physical activity (5) _____ your day because you can do it at (6) _____ time and wherever suits you.

Remember that your feet were made for walking, so use them (7) _____ you get the chance. Walk around town, ignore lifts and escalators, and build up your leg muscles by climbing stairs. Next, get out and have fun. For example, kicking a ball about is a great way to spend time together (8) _____ a family, or with friends.

Exam tip

For questions 1–8 read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Look at the words before and after the gap, choose your word and then read the whole sentence.

The first people of Britain

The time from the arrival of the first modern humans to the beginning of recorded history was a (0) C of about 100 centuries, or 400 generations. We know little about what (1) _____ then because these ancient people left no written records. What we know about them comes from the (2) _____ that archaeologists have found at different (3) _____.

Throughout prehistoric times there were many different (4) _____ living in the British Islands. These groups were often in (5) _____ with their neighbours and frequently attacked each other. However, they also had contact with people in other parts of Europe and (6) _____ with them regularly.

The first written accounts of Britain (7) _____ from the time when Julius Caesar and his army invaded over 2,000 years ago. Interestingly, the Romans did not increase the number of people in Britain by any great extent. To a population of three million, Caesar's army and administration (8) _____ only about 150,000.

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| 0 | A duration | B length | C period | D stretch |
| 1 | A went on | B passed out | C went through | D passed by |
| 2 | A claim | B proof | C evidence | D sign |
| 3 | A sites | B positions | C settings | D grounds |
| 4 | A families | B descendants | C tribes | D classes |
| 5 | A contest | B fight | C battle | D conflict |
| 6 | A traded | B dealt | C exchanged | D bargained |
| 7 | A belong | B exist | C begin | D date |
| 8 | A grew | B added | C developed | D raised |