

Test 7 READING

Part 1

Questions 1–5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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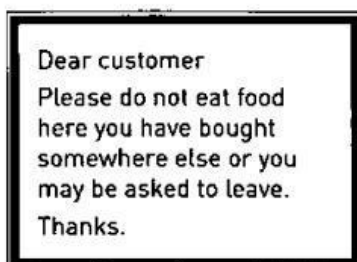
- A A microwave and TV for sale.
- B The microwave was recently advertised on TV.
- C The microwave can be exchanged for a TV.

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- A Please leave lights on as some people are working late.
- B The last one to finish work should switch off lights.
- C Do not leave the office without leaving a light on.

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- A Please do not leave food on the table.
- B You may be asked to leave if you don't order food.
- C Only food bought here should be eaten in our café.

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- A Bethany needs to change the shirt.
- B Bethany wants to get a skirt the same colour.
- C Bethany has lost the receipt.

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- A You have one more week to enter the competition.
- B You cannot enter the competition until 31 August.
- C The competition is closed until the holiday period ends.

Part 2

Questions 6–10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below all want to go shopping.
On the opposite page there are eight descriptions of shops.
Decide which shop would be the most suitable for the people below.

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Jim wants to buy some new shoes for work. He needs something reasonably cheap and, as he's working long hours, he needs a shop that is open late during the week.

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Hamid wants a shop where he can get measured for a new suit. He is happy to spend quite a lot but wants a place that has been recommended by other customers.

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Sheila wants to go shopping after she finishes work. She wants to buy an inexpensive dress or a skirt and would like to eat something made locally before her train leaves.

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Natalie is looking for a gift for her daughter who has passed her exams. She'd like to buy her something for university and wants to avoid the busy shopping centre.

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Manuela is on holiday in the UK and is looking for some chocolate for her friend. She would also like to buy something to read when she gets back to her hotel.

Popular local shops

A Wedges

Take a break while you're shopping and try our delicious home-cooked hot meals. Popular with students, everything is reasonably priced. While you're here have a look at some of the second-hand clothes we have available.

B New Street Corner Shop

Get something to remind you of your visit here and look around at our wide range of souvenirs. We have lots of toys, sweets, locally made chocolates and attractive postcards and posters.

Looking for something to read?

Pick up a newspaper, a magazine or the latest novel for the journey home.

C Stella's Boutique

Late-night shopping in Stella's boutique. Many of our clothes are on special offer, with some items two for the price of one. Visitors can also enjoy locally made cakes and snacks in our café. Just a short two-minute walk from the train station.

D Masons

We're closing down next week and have a fantastic sale. Everything must go! We have the cheapest range of clothes in town and a great selection of men's wear, including suits, shirts and shoes. Open late this Saturday.

E Henry's

Henry's is known for its high-quality clothing, as our users' comments prove, whether that's dresses, skirts or stylish suits. Our highly experienced staff will measure you and make sure you get the perfect fit. A little more expensive than the high street shops but worth every penny.

F Design Corner

We're a new shop in the old part of town and away from the crowds. But there's nothing old about our goods. We sell dresses, skirts and blouses made by local designers, and beautiful posters, pens and pencils that will look great in the office or on a student's desk.

G Walkers Department Store

Visit one of the city's most popular shopping destinations. We sell the latest luxury designer clothes and everything for the home, and we have a restaurant with an international menu. You should reserve a table if you wish to eat as we can get quite busy!

H Bartons

If you're in town looking for a bargain don't forget to pay us a visit. Situated in the heart of the shopping mall, our popular sale has everything for the professional man, including suits, shirts and shoes. Don't forget our roof-top café! Late-night shopping Monday to Friday.

Part 3

Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Corinna Held talks about attending a music festival

I've always been mad about music, whether it's something I'm listening to on my headphones, dancing to at a club or enjoying at a concert. But my greatest love has always been going to music festivals. They are a great place to listen to your favourite musicians and to enjoy yourself with friends, and they are also an opportunity to meet new people. But the experience can be spoilt if you don't take care, so here are some things I've learnt along the way.

Let's start with what you should take. You can't be sure of the weather so I'd suggest preparing for anything. Take sun cream. If it's sunny you'll be out in the open all day. And don't forget something to keep you dry in a thunderstorm, even if it's only a large plastic rubbish bag. Your mobile phone and **charger** are essentials, of course, but apart from these don't take anything you wouldn't want to lose. Take comfortable shoes as you'll be on your feet all day, and if you're camping bring a tent that's easy to put up and weatherproof.

Once you're there, take a tour of the area so you know exactly where everything is. If you're with friends, agree on meeting points. Your tent is likely to be a long way from the action so you need places to find each other closer to the stages. This will help if you and your friends decide to see different bands, which is likely as your taste in music is probably not exactly the same. Be polite to people camping near you as they could become good friends. Drink lots of water and check the programme carefully so you don't miss your favourite acts.

And when it's all over? Here's my number one request: before you go home, please pick up all your litter in and around your tent. I can't believe the mess people create at festivals. Some people even leave their tent behind. And as you leave, enjoy the feeling that you've just felt, with a wonderful connection to all those around you. You've just had an amazing opportunity to see lots of different bands and make friends and generally had an experience you'll never forget.

- 11 Corinna says that
- A music festivals are the best way to listen to music.
 - B listening to music is her biggest love.
 - C music festivals can be a great social event.
 - D careless behaviour spoils music festivals for other people.

- 12 What does Corinna advise people to do?

- A Be careful not to lose anything.
- B Be prepared for any weather.
- C Keep all your things in a plastic bag.
- D Leave your mobile phone at home.

- 13 Corinna says you should agree on a meeting point

- A so you can find your way back to your tent.
- B in order to discuss which bands are on.
- C so you can talk about your taste in music.
- D because this is more convenient than going to your tent.

- 14 What does Corinna say about litter?

- A People should request more litter bins.
- B You should clear the area where you've been camping.
- C People often leave litter in their tent.
- D Take it home with you.

- 15 What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A
- Going to a music festival? Corinna Held recommends some simple steps to make the experience a happy one.

- B
- Music festivals can be a wonderful way to spend the weekend. Corinna Held tells us about her favourite events.

- C
- With more and more of us attending music festivals, Corinna Held explains what it is about them people find so enjoyable.

- D
- We all love listening to music. But do we get the best experience using our headphones? Corinna Held tells us why we should be going to music festivals.

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.

Why The Sea is Good For You

We all love spending time by the sea. The lucky ones might live on the coast and enjoy the benefits throughout the year.

16 Most of us would say we feel healthier by the ocean. In the past, doctors would actually recommend spending time by the sea to their patients. And research has shown that people who live on the coast are more likely to believe their health is good compared to those living in a city. So how do we benefit, exactly?

Well, to start with it's great for our mental health. **17** They have shown that watching, listening to or being in the ocean helps our brains slow down. The sound of the waves can help us relax and has a positive effect in reducing feelings of stress. This is why people who have trouble sleeping are often told to listen to recordings of the sound of waves hitting the shore to help them relax at bedtime.

18 We go out a lot more when we're on holiday by the sea. We often become more active on holidays and people who live on the coast are usually more active too. And if you take your walks on the beach this is even better. **19** The sea air is also good for people with breathing problems. There is less pollution in the air near the ocean and in the autumn and winter the air is fresher. **20** It has even been found that the chemicals found in sea water are the same chemicals that help us have healthy skin.

No wonder then that we often feel so much better at the end of a seaside holiday and why we look forward so much to booking our next one!

- A** Being by the sea is also good for our physical health.
- B** This is healthier than the dry atmosphere in homes with central heating.
- C** It's not just swimmers who know how to do this.
- D** The rest of us have to wait for our next holiday.
- E** However, in the end you'll notice the difference.
- F** Walking on sand requires more effort than on the pavement.
- G** Scientists have discovered that we have something called a 'blue mind'.
- H** So scientists disagree about the reasons for doing this.

Part 5

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The First Chess Champion of the World

Most chess historians agree that the first chess world championship **(21)** place in 1886 in the United States. On one side was an Austrian chess champion Wilhelm Steinitz, who for many years was **(22)** to be one of the best in the world. Playing against him was Johannes Zukertort from Poland, living in the UK, and another player who many believed at the time was one of the world's greats. According **(23)** the contract, the match would be for the championship of the world and would **(24)** of 20 games played in three different cities: New York, St Louis and New Orleans. Steinitz won 10-5 and was world champion until 1894. Steinitz was **(25)** in how the game should be played and many of his ideas had a big influence **(26)** the modern game.

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| 21 | A took | B went | C laid | D set |
| 22 | A held | B thought | C placed | D looked |
| 23 | A for | B in | C with | D to |
| 24 | A contain | B consist | C make | D include |
| 25 | A interested | B excited | C keen | D attracted |
| 26 | A to | B in | C on | D at |

Part 6

Questions 27–32

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

The Marathon

Well, the time has finally arrived. I'm running in my first marathon this weekend and I'm really looking forward to it. Over the past 17 weeks I've **(27)** following a training plan. This has included four runs a week, each **(28)** different speeds to improve my overall fitness. Sunday **(29)** been the long run day and I've slowly increased how far I go each week. Some people argue you should try and get as close to the full 40 kilometres **(30)** possible to increase your confidence. However, the long runs have become more and **(31)** painful and I decided to stop at 30 kilometres. I've also been in the gym twice a week, working on strength-building exercises. I think I'm ready for the challenge but of course I won't know for sure **(32)** I cross the finish line. I'll let you know how I get on next week!