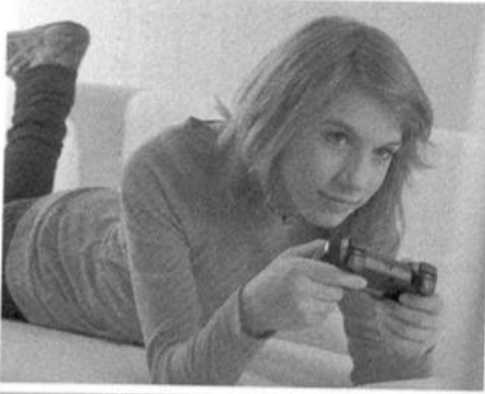


Reading Part 3

Remember that the questions follow the order of the text. Read the five questions first and look for the answer in the text before you read options A–C.

Exam advice

- 1 For each question, choose the correct answer.



Marina Martin, a young games tester

Most days I finish my homework and then I have to play computer games for the rest of the afternoon. Yes, I have to! You see, I earn money by looking for mistakes in games.

I've always been crazy about computer games. My dad's a journalist and my mum's a photographer, so there's been a computer in the house since before I was born. I can remember playing very simple games on it when I was less than five years old and my dad telling me to switch it off and go outside.

I was online one day when I saw an advertisement from a video game company. They were looking for young people to give their opinions about some of their new games. I contacted them but I wasn't old enough because I was 14.

Three years later, several companies now send me their games. I often spend hours on the same game. I have to play it from start to finish several times, look at all the menus and try all the different ways of playing it. While I'm doing this, I take notes and then write a clear email which the company can understand easily.

You have to work quickly because the company often wants to sell their new game as soon as possible. I may have to spend a lot of the weekend testing. However, I think I'm very lucky that my hobby has become a job. Most of the time, I love it!

- What does Marina say about computer games?
 - She plays them to take a break from studying.
 - Somebody pays her to play them.
 - Lots of them have got mistakes in them.
- Marina has been interested in computer games since
 - her mum became a photographer.
 - her dad bought her a computer.
 - she was a small child.
- What happened when Marina was 14 years old?
 - She didn't get a job as a games tester.
 - She found an advertisement for a new video game.
 - She started to use the internet.
- What does Marina do as part of her job?
 - She teaches other people how to play the game.
 - She makes sure that she wins all the games.
 - She checks each game carefully more than once.
- How does Marina feel about her job?
 - She almost always enjoys it.
 - She doesn't want to do anything else.
 - She thinks it can be boring.

Grammar

Present perfect with *for* and *since*

- 1 Complete the table with the time expressions.

last week	a long time	months	my sister's birthday
	September	three years	1998

for	since
three years	1998

- 2 Write complete sentences with the present perfect and *for* or *since*.

- My mum / work in the post office / 16 years.
My mum's worked in the post office for 16 years.
- Our teacher / be ill / three days.
.....
- I / not dance / your birthday party.
.....
- My uncle and aunt / have their car / three months.
.....
- My best friend / not call me / last week.
.....

What's your hobby?

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Complete the conversation with the phrases in the box.
There are two phrases you do not need.

may enjoy may not do may not like
may see may stay might call might go
might have might not be



Harry: What are you doing this afternoon?

Alice: I (1) may stay at home or I
(2) to my grandmother's
house. What about you?

Harry: My cousin Jack (3) me.
If he does, we (4) a film
at the cinema. Would you like to come?

Alice: Perhaps but I (5) here.
What's on?

Harry: There's a new adventure film about the Sahara
Desert but you (6) it.

Alice: Probably not, I don't like adventure films very
much. What are you going to do afterwards?

Harry: We (7) pizza. I'll send you
a message.

Alice: Thanks, Harry.

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Rewrite the sentences with the word in brackets.

- 1** It's possible we will win the match. (may)

We may win the match.

We may win the match.

- 2** My sister could be late. (might)

- 3** It's possible my friends won't snowboard at the weekend. (might not)

- 4** You could have a broken hand. (may)

- 5** We may buy a new laptop. (might)