

UNIT 6

IV. Reading

Read the following passages and choose the best answer for each question.

1. Some people are born to win, and Morgan Lake is one of those people. When she was five years old, she started sport, and when she was seven, her dad helped her enter competitions at her local sports club.

Morgan started sport at the age of _____.

- A. four B. five C. six D. seven

2. In 2009, when Morgan Lake was twelve, she was the under-thirteen UK champion for the pentathlon (an athletics competition with five events). She continued to win competitions and in 2016 she travelled to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil as part of the British Olympic team. In Rio she was the first British woman to get to a final in the high jump since 1992.

When did Morgan Lake win the under-thirteen UK championship for the pentathlon?

- A. in 1992 B. in 2009 C. in 2016 D. since 1992

3. ‘Re-wilding’ is not only about helping animals and making a city look better. When we spend time in nature, we feel more relaxed. Plants also make the air quality better, because trees and flowers make oxygen. Growing plants on buildings makes them warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer, too.

Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. Buildings with plants are cooler in the summer.
- B. Buildings with plants are colder in the summer.
- C. Plants makes the air quality worse.
- D. ‘Re-wilding’ is not about helping animals and making a city look better.

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What can be inferred from the passage?

- A. We shouldn't spend time in nature.
- B. Growing plants on buildings makes them warm all year round.
- C. More nature in the cities is good for our health.
- D. 'Re-wilding' is an old idea.

5. Thousands of years ago, people started to live in cities. Today, billions of people around the world live in cities. However, as cities get bigger, we lose more and more wild plants and trees. But this is changing. 'Re-wilding', or introducing nature back into cities, is becoming very important.

Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?

- A. People started to live in cities thousands of years ago.
- B. Because cities get bigger, we lose more wild trees.
- C. Introducing nature back into cities is not important.
- D. Billions of people around the world live in cities now.

6. How do you re-wild a town or busy area? One way is to grow flowers and plants in the centre of a city. Singapore has around 150 kilometres of 'Nature Ways', areas of green space and gardens that

make it easy for small animals to find food and places to live. And it's easy to do something similar, where you live. Don't worry if you don't have a garden. Plants can grow on tall buildings. Look at the Oasis of Aboukir in Paris. And it's not just houses and apartments. In some cities, flowers grow on the top of bus stops!

Which of the following statements is TRUE?

- A. In Singapore, flowers grow on top of buses.
- B. Plants can't grow on tall buildings.
- C. It isn't easy for people to find food and places to live.
- D. You don't need to have a garden to plant flowers.

7. Frantisek Hadrava is a factory worker in the Czech Republic, and his workplace is fifteen minutes by car. He didn't like driving, so he built his own plane and now he flies to work. Flying can take four minutes, so it's faster than driving, but Hadrava usually goes a longer way (seven minutes) because he doesn't want to wake up the people in his village. At the

factory, Hadrava's plane takes four parking spaces, but he arrives early so he always finds a place.

How long does it take Hadrava to go to work by plane?

- A. four minutes B. fifteen minutes
- C. seven minutes D. more than seven minutes

8. Jamie Oliver is a well-known British chef. He was born on 27th May 1975 in Essex. His parents ran a pub restaurant and taught him how to cook when he was young. He went to college to study cooking when he was 16 and then worked in France.

Jamie Oliver's parents were _____.

- A. teachers B. chefs C. runners D. the owners of a pub

9. Gabriel Horchler, a librarian in Washington DC, rows a boat five miles down the Anacostia River to get to his workplace. The journey to work takes ninety minutes, longer than the forty-minute journey by car.

How long does it take Gabriel to go to work by boat?

- A. one and a half hour B. 19 minutes C. less than 40 minutes D. 40 minutes

10. Gabriel Horchler, a librarian in Washington DC, rows a boat five miles down the Anacostia River to get to his workplace. The journey to work takes ninety minutes, longer than the forty-minute journey by car. But he isn't doing this to save time. He loves the quiet and the sound of the water. The boat is slower than a car, but the river is more beautiful than the motorway.

Why does Gabriel Horchler row to work?

- A. because he wants to save time
- B. because the boat is slower than a car
- C. because he likes the quiet and the sound of the water
- D. because the boat is faster than a car

Read the following passage and choose the best answer for each question.

Travelling in the city

This city is very big so there are lots of ways you can travel around. We have taxis, a metro, trains, buses and boats. There is also a large international airport.

When you arrive at the airport you should take the metro into the city centre. There is a special airport service and it takes just 15 minutes. Also, it's a 24-hour service. The tickets are more expensive, but it's much quicker than the other metro lines.

The city centre has lots of hotels, restaurants and museums. It is popular with tourists. There is also a special tourist bus which visits all the interesting places. It costs £25 but you can use the bus many times in one day. Tickets for children are only £8.

Most people live outside the city centre because it's cheaper. The north part of the city by the river is a popular place for students to live. Most people take the train into the city centre because it's faster than the metro. The business area is in the south of the city and it has a lot of office buildings. Many people like driving to work so there is always a lot of traffic there. This area has got a lot of car parks so it's easier to park there than in other parts of the city.

The east part of the city is by the sea. There are lots of ships and boats there. Most of them are for business, but there is also a ferry service to an island. Only 200 people live on the island and the only way to travel there is by ferry. The ferry leaves at 8.00 a.m. and returns at 8.00 p.m.

11. How long does the airport metro take to get to the city centre?

A. 15 minutes B. 20 minutes C. 24 minutes D. 24 hours

12. How much does the tourist bus cost for adults?

A. £12 B. £18 C. £25 D. £8

13. In which part of the city do students like living?

A. south B. north C. east D. centre

14. How do many people go to work?

A. by metro B. by bus C. by car D. by train

15. Which means of transport do you have to take to get to the island?

A. ship B. boat C. plane D. ferry