1. READING COMPREHENSION

"My name is William Smith, and I'm the head porter in this hospital. What do I do? Well, I help run the place. Porters do more than just push food trolleys around the hospital. We transport patients in wheelchairs or on stretchers from the wards to radiology, physiotherapy, and back again.

We remove dead bodies to the mortuary. We lift and carry heavy equipment and furniture. We dispose of all the waste. Each hospital bed produces 4.5 kilos of waste every day. We collect it daily and take it to the recycling centre.

We also deliver the post throughout the hospital and bring letters to patients. That is very important. As we move around the hospital, we take files, samples, and specimens from one department to another.

Last year, I walked 1,800 kilometres in this hospital. To do all these tasks, a porter must be fit, able to think clearly in emergencies, and polite and friendly.

Next time you are waiting for a porter to answer your call, please be patient. He will be with you as soon as he can."

A. VOCABULARY

Words		Meanings
1. Porter		a. people who are receiving medical care
2. Stretchers		b. a person who transports patients and materials
3. Waste		c. objects used to carry patients lying down
4. Specimens		d. materials or substances thrown away
5. Patients		e. medical samples for examination
6. Mortuary		f. place where dead bodies are ke

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B. TRUE OR FALSE

1. Porters only push food trolleys around the hospital. _____

2. Porters move patients around the hospital. _____

3. Porters take patients from the wards to other departments. _____

4. Each ward produces 4.5 kilos of waste a day. _____

5. The porters destroy all the waste. _____

6. Porters give patients their mail. _____

2. GRAMMAR – PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE

Complete the sentences with the prepositions below:
at – by – in – next to – on – outside – over – under

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1. The toilets are _____ the ground floor reception.

2. I always keep a pen _____ my pocket.

3. Press the button _____ your bed if you need the nurse.

4. I'll put your bag _____ your bed, out of the way.

5. The restaurant is _____ the top of the building, so take the lift.

6. Reception is _____ the main entrance, on the left.

7. Sit _____ that door over there; the car park is just _____.

8. He's _____ the end of this corridor.

3. GRAMMAR – CHOOSE THE CORRECT PREPOSITION

1. Walk through / near reception and take the lift to / at / in the third floor.

2. Go round / along / past this corridor and it's the third door on / at the left.

3. If you go past / through / behind the swing doors, you'll see the waiting room.

4. The toilets are at the bottom of / over the stairs.

5. Physiotherapy is in front of / opposite this department, so just go across / out of the corridor.

6. Go past / down the restaurant, take the stairs up to / along / on the second floor, and the ward is out of / opposite the lift.

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4. LISTENING – A PORTER GUIDING PATIENTS

Yesterday morning, a hospital porter named James helped several patients move around the hospital. First, he met an elderly patient waiting _____(1) the reception desk. Then, he pushed the wheelchair _____(2) the corridor to the Radiology Department.

After that, he stopped _____(3) the lift and waited for another patient. The porter placed a bag _____(4) the patient's chair and carried some documents _____(5) his hand.

Later, James walked _____(6) the swing doors and entered the Emergency Department. A nurse asked him to take a patient to physiotherapy, which was located _____(7) the laboratory.

At lunchtime, the porter sat _____(8) a chair near the cafeteria because he was tired after walking all morning.

In the afternoon, he transported equipment _____(9) one ward to another and finally left the hospital _____(10) the main entrance at 7 p.m.

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