

SECTION A: Reading Comprehension

Read the following passage and decide whether the sentences below it are true (T) or false (F).

The first story of the Loch Ness monster is in a text written in the year 565 AD by a Celtic writer. He describes how a man was attacked by a monster while he was swimming in the river Ness.

However, the story of the monster was not very well-known in England because Loch Ness is a very long way from the rest of Britain. Before the railway was built, no one else had any reason to go there. The North of Scotland was wild and desolate, wet and generally cold, and with more sheep than people.

In 1930, three men in a boat on the lake said that they had seen a monster. Immediately, other people said that they had seen one too. In 1933, a man took the first "photo" of the monster, from a distance of about 100 metres. The photo was not clear, but Kodak said that the photo was real. The most famous photo of all was taken in 1934 by a London doctor; it seems to show a long neck and a small head sticking up out of the water. "Nessie" looks something like a dinosaur.

A lot of other photos have been taken since then, but none of them have been clear. Obviously, if there is a monster, it is a shy one! It doesn't often come to the surface, and never comes near the shore on a sunny summer afternoon!

(Adapted from <http://livesheets.com/intermediate/loch-ness-monster.htm>)

- 1) In 565 AD, a Celtic writer said that a monster attacked him. TRUE FALSE
- 2) Very few people visited Loch Ness before the railway was built there. TRUE FALSE
- 3) No one had ever taken a photo of the Loch Ness monster before 1933. TRUE FALSE
- 4) The 1933 photo was not as famous as the one taken in 1934. TRUE FALSE
- 5) The writer is not sure about the existence of the Loch Ness monster. TRUE FALSE

I - Choose the word that best fits the blank.

For many little boys who enjoy 1) ____ football in the street with friends their dream is to become another Pelé or Maradona. Freddy Adu used 2) ____ the same dream, but it seems to be coming true. Football clubs like Manchester United and Chelsea have 3) ____ shown great interest in this fourteen-year-old boy. When Freddy was 11, Inter Milan wanted 4) ____ him to Italy. But his family did not accept it because he was 5) ____ to stop his studies. Freddy Adu's talent was obvious from the moment he 6) ____ to a US football pitch by a friend at the age of eight. Two years later the coach of Washington DC saw him play and decided he could train for the team. Freddy is now playing for Washington DC, and he is the 7) ____ in any American professional sport since 1887. Bruce Arena, boss of the US national team, 8) ____ that Freddy could be their first superstar. 9) ____ Freddy was born in Africa, he moved to the USA with his family when he was eight. "I would love to play in England for Manchester United," he admitted. "I've loved them 10) ____ I was a baby - I still am a baby!"

1	a) play	b) playing	c) to play
2	a) to have	b) having	c) have
3	a) already	b) yet	c) ever
4	a) take	b) to take	c) taking
5	a) young enough	b) not young enough	c) too young
6	a) took	b) was taken	c) were taken
7	a) youngest	b) younger	c) young
8	a) told	b) talked	c) said
9	a) However	b) But	c) Although
10	a) for	b) from	c) since

II - Read the passage below and put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

All dogs are related to wolves. Wolves first came into villages thousands of years ago looking for food. Since then, dogs 1) (play) _____ very important roles in our lives. Hachiko was the faithful pet of a professor at Tokyo University. Every afternoon after work, when the professor came back to the train station Hachiko 2) (wait) _____ patiently on the platform for him. Unfortunately in May 1925, the professor died before returning home. Of course Hachiko did not know that his master 3) (die) _____ and went to the station to wait for him. Every day for the next ten years the dog used 4) (go) _____ to the station to meet the train. He died on the platform where he last saw the professor. If you went to Shibuya station in Tokyo, you 5) (see) _____ a statue of Hachiko in his honour.

III - Complete the dialogue. Use the word(s) in brackets.

Jane is talking to her husband Brian.

Jane: Hey, Ben. Don't forget to pay the electricity bill.

Brian: No problem. I 1) _____ it. (JUST)

Jane: Have you? And 2) _____ ? (EXPENSIVE)

Brian: Yes, it was... the same as last month.

Jane: 3) _____ ? (HOW)

Brian: I wanted to pay by credit card, but I 4) _____ cash. (HAD)

Jane: Really? Why?

Brian: Because it's 5) _____ paying by credit card... (THAN)

Jane: OK...