PART 3

QUESTIONS 14–18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Jack Calder

Violin player Jack Calder plays in the Australian band, Ocean Blue.

Jack Calder started playing the violin when he was ten. 'My music teacher played and one day he asked if anyone wanted to learn. Some girls put up their hands and so did I. I didn't have a violin, but my uncle said I could use his. The lessons were really hard at first, but playing the violin soon became important to me.'

After leaving school, Jack moved to Melbourne. For a time, he preferred listening to music to playing it. The rock music he listened to sounded very different from violin music, so he bought an electric violin, and started putting the things he liked about rock music into the music he played on his violin.

A year later, Jack met a small group of Melbourne musicians. 'We all thought about music in the same way and started Ocean Blue together. A year later, we were playing lots of concerts, and our music was selling well. But we didn't want this to make us different people. We didn't want to stop being friends.'

Jack meets many people who think playing the violin is an unusual career, but he doesn't agree with them. 'I think it's the best thing in the world. I guess I'm lucky that way. The internet has changed music, but when I walk into a violin shop it's like entering another world – one where time has stopped. Someone has looked after these beautiful old instruments that are two or three hundred years old. I think that's amazing.'

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14 What do we learn about Jack in the first paragraph?

A He was the only person at school to play the violin.

B He learned to play on an instrument that he borrowed.

C He enjoyed playing the violin as soon as he started learning.

15 What is the writer doing in the second paragraph?

A explaining why Jack thought some music was easy to play

B saying why only a few people liked the music Jack played

C describing how Jack changed the kind of music he played

16 What does Jack say about Ocean Blue?

A Nobody in the band liked travelling far to play in a concert.

B The band members were interested in different kinds of music.

C Everyone wanted to stay friends when the band became successful.

17 Why does Jack think he is lucky?

A He meets lots of people.

B He loves what he does.

C He has an unusual career.

18 Jack thinks it is a good idea

A to keep some things that people used in the past.

B to make more music available on the internet.

C to teach more people to play an instrument.

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PART 4

QUESTIONS 19–24

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The London Marathon

In 1979, two British men called John Disley and Chris Brasher **(19)** ..... to run the New York Marathon. This 42-kilometre race goes through the city, past many of its famous tourist sights. Disley and Brasher found that it was very different from marathons in the UK. At that **(20)** ..... in the UK, nobody was interested in marathons, but in New York, there were large **(21)** ..... of people watching. Afterwards, the two men had the **(22)** ..... of starting a similar race in London.

The first London Marathon was in 1981, and over six thousand runners **(23)** ..... part. Since then, the race has happened every year, and has become popular with runners from all over the world. Over a million people have completed it, and it is **(24)** ..... on TV in nearly 200 countries.

19	**A**	thought	**B**	said	**C**	decided
20	**A**	year	**B**	day	**C**	time
21	**A**	members	**B**	crowds	**C**	visitors
22	**A**	idea	**B**	answer	**C**	fact
23	**A**	stayed	**B**	took	**C**	made
24	**A**	shown	**B**	made	**C**	held

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