Reading 3 – The Pied Piper

In this part of the exam you need to fill in some gaps. Read the story of the Pied Piper below and choose the correct word for each blank from the choices given.



The Pied Piper playing his pipe

Many of you are familiar with the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Few realise, however, that the story is based on real events. The Pied Piper is one of the .....❶..... known fairy tales of all times. If this tale is based on real events, how much truth is there in other fairy tales that we were told as .....❷.....?

For those unfamiliar with the tale, it is set in 1284 in the town of Hamelin, Germany. This town was facing a rat infestation, and a piper, ...❸..... in a colourful coat, appeared. This piper promised to eliminate the rats in return for payment. Although the piper exterminated the rats by leading them away with his music, the people of Hamelin didn't keep their .....❹..... and didn't pay him. The piper was .....❺..... On the 26th of July during that same year, the piper returned and led the children away, never to be seen again, just as he did with the rats.

Here is a short version of this worldwide .....❻..... tale:

Many years ago, in the German town of Hamelin, the people were having a difficult time with rats. There .....❼..... rats everywhere- in the streets, houses, flower beds, even in babies' cots. The mayor did not know what to do. One day, a peculiar man, ...❽..... the Pied Piper arrived. He .....❾..... a very colourful coat. He told everyone he could solve the .....❿..... if the mayor would pay a huge sum of money. The mayor agreed.

The Pied Piper played his pipe and the rats .....⓫..... him out of Hamelin and fell off a precipice. "I will not pay" said the mayor. So the Pied Piper played his pipe again. This time every child went behind the Piper. They never returned. The mayor had learnt his .....⓬....., but it was far too late.

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26. Write the word that corresponds to each number:

BEST	CALLED	CHILDREN	DRESSED
FOLLOWED	FURIOUS	LESSON	PROBLEM
PROMISE	FAMOUS	WAS WEARING	WERE

❶ ..... ❼ .....

❷ ..... ❽ .....

❸ ..... ❾ .....

❹ ..... ❿ .....

❺ ..... ⓫ .....

❻ ..... ⓬ .....

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