Reading Comprehension Test 2nd Term Form 8

Text 1

1 Read the blog. Write M next to the things the blogger mentions and NM next to the things she doesn't mention.

- a party game .....
- music for the party .....
- party decorations .....
- the money that was spent on the party .....
- the reason for the party .....

2 Read the blog again. Choose the correct answers.

1 The invitations were sent ..... weeks before Cherry's party.

- **a** six **b** four **c** two
- 2..... prepared the food for the party.
  a Cherry's mum **b** Cherry **c** Cherry and her mum
- 3 The writer ..... when she doesn't like a party.
  a talks to people **b** leaves early **c** stands around
- 4 What was the prize? .....
  a a treasure chest **b** chocolate money **c** a telescope
- 5 The blogger thinks that Cherry's party was so good because .....
  a people wore fancy dress **b** it was in a garden **c** it had been properly planned

Last weekend, my friend Cherry threw a party. We all received our invitations in the middle of May. 'Come to my party on 30th June,' the invitation said. 'Don't wear a dress or jacket and tie. It will be a fancy dress party with a pirate theme.'

When we arrived, Blackbeard the pirate greeted us at the door. It was Cherry, of course, in her costume. Then she showed us the way to the garden. It looked amazing! She had made hundreds of pirate flags, and she had hung them from the trees. She had painted old wooden boxes to look like treasure chests and put them on the patio instead of chairs. There was a table with fruit juice in jugs, and Cherry's mum – with help from Cherry – had spent hours making delicious sandwiches, pies, salads and a curry. There was ice cream and even a cake with a pirate ship on it.

Lots of parties aren't planned properly. People stand around and wait for something to happen, but nothing ever does; they sit on sofas and chat; some, like me, make an excuse to leave early. But this party was different. Cherry's brother had prepared a great playlist, and it was perfect for dancing. But the best part was the treasure hunt. Cherry's dad had hidden a 'treasure' in the house and we had to find it. We were given pieces of paper with the first clue. There were ten clues and the last one was a map with the 'treasure' marked on it. I didn't find it – a girl called Myrtle was the lucky one – but we had a lot of fun looking for it. And guess what! The 'treasure' was a telescope!

The party ended at midnight. Cherry's mum switched off the lights and we were in the dark for a minute. When she switched them back on, she had a treasure chest full of gifts for us.

I'll never forget this party. It was incredible and I had the time of my life.

Text 2

3 Read the article. Match the headings (A–G) to the paragraphs (1–7).

A If life gives you lemons, make lemonade
B Some things in life aren't free
C A healthy mind in a healthy body
D Saying sorry is not a sign of weakness
E You're never too old to learn
F A time for everything
G You are not the centre of the universe

4 Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T), false (F) or don't know (DK)?

1 The article is about the difference between adults and young people. .....
2 The writer thinks that adults shouldn't want to become very rich. .....
3 The writer thinks some people never become adults. .....

Being an adult

1 .....
When you are a child, you're the most important person in the world to your parents. They do everything for you, so it usually takes many years to realise that other people are important, too. Some people never learn this simple truth – but real adults do.

2 .....
Everyone makes mistakes, but when things go wrong, real adults don't lie about what happened. They don't blame someone else and they don't make excuses. They aren't afraid or too proud to apologise for their mistakes and try and learn from them.

3 .....
Dreams can come true, but real adults know these dreams must be realistic. If you're 1.50 metres tall, you can't be a professional basketball player. But sometimes it doesn't matter if you're only 1.50 metres. Can you make things? Then maybe you can be a good carpenter. Are you good with animals? Then maybe you can be a vet. Adults work hard for the things they can have.

4 .....
Real adults look after themselves. They know they should eat their vegetables, exercise regularly and get eight hours of sleep every night. They also know that it's all right to eat sweets, drink cokes and stay up all night – occasionally.

5 .....
Real adults understand about money. They know they can't go to the supermarket without it, they can't buy a house or clothes or holidays. They also know that although some money is necessary for a good life, making money should not be our goal in life.

6 .....
Real adults know that education is important. They also understand that education is not only what happens at school or university. It happens all through life. They know that they can get one in many ways: from books, the internet, other people, life, the mistakes they make, travelling, from thinking a little every day.

7 .....
Real adults know that sometimes life is boring and occasionally it's exciting. It isn't always happy and it isn't always sad. Sometimes they must do things that they don't want to do. Other times they are free to do anything they want. They know that good and bad things happen, but they also know that all things pass.