

## 2. Reading Comprehension

Directions: Read the extracts and choose the BEST alternative to complete each statement that follows.

### Extract 1

<p><b>A</b> <b>THE BLINDS PLACE</b></p> <p>The best quality <b>Blinds</b> at affordable prices Free home visits evenings &amp; weekends Free measuring &amp; fitting Huge choice of styles &amp; colours on display</p> <p><b>T: 0191 548 2492</b> 82 Sea Road, Fulwell, Sunderland, SR6 9DB <a href="http://www.theblindsplace.co.uk">www.theblindsplace.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>D</b> <b>Chimney Services (NE).</b></p> <p>Professional Chimney Sweep. Member 'Guild of Master Sweeps'. HETAS Stove Installer. All appliances. Pots and cowls fitted. Fully insured. Good, clean service.</p> <p>07786 158931 0191 5489751</p>
<p><b>B</b></p> <p><b>HEATONE PLUMBING &amp; HEATING</b> All aspects of Plumbing work undertaken Installation, Servicing Maintenance, Repair Gas Safe Registered Emergency Call outs No Job too small Tel: 07832 746707 <a href="http://www.heatone.co.uk">www.heatone.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>E</b> <b>NEED A GAS MAN?</b> install, service, repair, boilers, fires &amp; cookers Call Kevin Wilde 5483387/ 07939 128376 Free Est. Gas Safe Reg.</p>
<p><b>C</b></p> <p><b>FITTED BEDROOMS &amp; KITCHENS</b>, supply or fit, free est. Over 25 yrs exp Tel. Michael Old 07977064832 / 5282588</p>	<p><b>F</b> <b>SHAUN MOSSMAN</b> Plastering Services High Quality, Clean &amp; Reliable, 0191 5811442 or 0786 7752014</p>
	<p><b>G</b> <b>DD GARAGE DOORS &amp; roller shutters</b>, supplied &amp; fitted Repairs service avail Tel 0191 5490800 or 07853 859422. No call out charge</p>

51. Jane needs a plumber to replace the old pipes in her bathroom. She should call \_\_\_\_.
1. 07853 859422
  2. 07939 128376
  3. 07977 064832
  4. 07832 746707
  5. 07786 158931
52. The Smiths want to change their old blinds. They must look at Advertisement \_\_\_\_.
1. A
  2. B
  3. C
  4. F
  5. G
53. Bill wants to clean his chimney. He will *contact* \_\_\_\_.
1. Kevin Wilde
  2. Michael Old
  3. [www.heatone.co.uk](http://www.heatone.co.uk)
  4. SHAUN MOSSMAN
  5. Chimney Services

54. George calls 0191 5490800 to get his \_\_\_\_.
1. bedroom furnished
  2. boiler installed
  3. garage door fixed
  4. glass windows measured
  5. stove replaced
55. The service that states its experience is in Advertisement \_\_\_\_.
1. B
  2. C
  3. D
  4. E
  5. F

Extract 2

5	An Australian man yesterday described spending 12 hours <u>clinging</u> to a tree branch "like a koala bear" as crocodiles circled beneath him after his boat ran aground.	night in fear that the tree branch would break.	
	Stan Martell said he climbed the tree after he fell asleep while out on a boat on the <u>crocodile-infested Lynne River</u> in the north of Western Australia state, and awoke to find the boat jammed under a tree and filled with water.	He said he was "a bit wary about the crocs. I saw two crocs right where I was, one was a big one, and one was about three metres... I just sat <u>there</u> watching my boat and thinking, I can't believe this has just happened."	20
10		Martell said rescuers found him the next morning after he <u>activated</u> his satellite phone and emergency radio beacon.	25
15	Martell said he spent Friday		

56. The headline of this news article is likely to be \_\_\_\_.
1. Australian man chased by crocs
  2. Australian man survives boat accident
  3. Crocs spend night with Australian man
  4. Crocs keep Australian man up a tree all night
  5. Australian man spends night in fear of drowning

57. The word **clinging** (line 3) can be replaced by \_\_\_\_.
1. staying put
  2. standing still
  3. holding fast
  4. sticking together
  5. remaining stable
58. The man was on the tree because \_\_\_\_.
1. he wanted to spend Friday night there
  2. he was afraid of crocodiles
  3. his boat was stuck in the mud
  4. he did not want to drown
  5. his boat was attacked by crocodiles
59. The man was rescued \_\_\_\_.
1. because he stayed awake all night
  2. after passers-by heard his call for help
  3. after he drained the water out of his boat
  4. because he used his communications gadgets
  5. because the crocodiles swam away



60. The man was compared to a koala bear because he \_\_\_\_.
1. hung onto a tree branch
  2. liked to feed on leaves
  3. behaved like an animal
  4. enjoyed sleeping in a tree
  5. spent a night climbing a tree
61. The word **there** (line 23) refers to \_\_\_\_.
1. in his boat
  2. in the river
  3. under a tree
  4. on the ground
  5. on a tree branch
62. The phrase **the crocodile-infested Lynne River** (lines 10 – 11) means \_\_\_\_.
1. the Lynne River is full of crocodiles
  2. crocodiles can find plenty of food in the Lynne River
  3. only large crocodiles can be found in the Lynne River
  4. the Lynne River is deep enough for crocodiles to live in
  5. the Lynne River is the only place where crocodiles are found

