4 **The passage below has three paragraphs a–c. Which paragraphs mention the following? You may use any letter more than once.**

1 a rescue operation ____
2 the high numbers of disappearing facilities ____
3 an example of a fund-raising activity ____

a
According to the Rural Shops Alliance, 600 country shops closed last year. Add the post office closure programme into the mix and thousands of neighbourhood hubs are being lost.

b
The people of Avebury, in Wiltshire, are among those trying to reverse the process. In April last year, their village shop closed when the adjoining post office shut down. Last Sunday, however, it reopened. The villagers, led by a small steering group, banded together to raise enough money to save it: 241 people bought £10 shares, with £3,000 coming from local donations and £25,000 from charitable schemes.

c
The National Trust, the organisation which owns the building, offered a minimal rent, a local blacksmith and carpenter made the shop sign and fitted out the interior, and one volunteer bakes cakes to sell. The shop, manned by a part-time manager and more than 30 volunteers, will stock everyday items such as sweets and washing-up liquid, as well as newspapers and fresh bread. There will also be post office facilities four half-days a week.

5 **There are some reading strategies that help you match information. Are the sentences 1–6 good strategies or not? Write Y (yes) or N (no).**

1 You should bear in mind that the numbered questions are paraphrases of bits of information in the paragraphs. ____
2 Before looking for detailed information, it is a good idea to have a general idea what is in the paragraphs first, so you should skim-read the text first to find out. ____
3 When working with paraphrases, underlining key words in the questions can help. ____
4 If you keep the questions or key words in mind when you are reading, you are more likely to find the information you are looking for. ____
5 If you have found an answer in a paragraph, you should look for the answer to the next question in the next paragraph. ____
6 You should answer the questions in the order they are given. ____

Check the answers to this exercise before doing the same type of task again in Exercise 6.

6 **Use appropriate strategies to help you do the task.**

The passage below has three paragraphs, labelled a–c. Which paragraphs mention the following? You may use any letter more than once.

1 a countryside issue ____
2 an example of a successful protest ____
3 a reason why pubs close ____
4 an organisation that encourages partnerships ____
5 a well-known person ____

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a

According to recent figures from the British Beer & Pub Association, 39 pubs close every week. These days, it's far cheaper to buy alcohol in supermarkets to drink at home than it is to visit the local boozer. But that's not deterring the drinkers who are banding together to save their local pubs.

b

In Hesket Newmarket, Cumbria, 125 people raised £1,500 each and bought the Old Crown: each of them now has a say in how it is run. The pub in Charlton Horethorne, Dorset, was virtually derelict and about to be turned into a car park until the village rallied, set up a 'save the pub' group and had planning permission for the car park turned down: the Kings Arms reopened for business earlier this month. There are other examples up and down the country.

c

'The rural pub is the heart of the community – we've got to keep it as the heart,' says Pub Is the Hub, a scheme initiated by the Prince of Wales, which encourages breweries, pub owners, licensees and local communities to work together to support pubs in isolated rural areas. Pub Is the Hub (www.pubisthehub.org.uk) offers support and suggestions on how to go about things: it has assisted more than 350 pubs since its formation in 2001.

Part 3: Exam practice

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