

Part 3

You are going to read a short passage. For questions 19 – 26, choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) and mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Five-year-old Nevaeh addressed a letter to her cat Tin Tin in heaven and it was spotted by a postman at the Royal Mail, who took the time to send a parcel and letter in reply. A distraught little girl, who sent a letter addressed to 'heaven' when her cat died, received an incredible reply, thanks to a kind-hearted postman. Five-year-old Nevaeh Lowe from Walton – on – Thames was left devastated when her beloved pet cat and best friend Tin Tin had to be put down.

Nevaeh was worried Tin Tin would be alone and wrote her a letter to check if she was okay, addressing it to heaven to make sure she would see it. Although her mum Tamara, 26, warned that heaven might be too far away to send a letter, Nevaeh insisted and the pair dropped it in a postbox. Incredibly, they received a parcel in the post a week later after a postman at Royal Mail spotted the letter and decided to write back.

He wrote Nevaeh a message from Tin Tin, explaining that she had to go to heaven and Nevaeh didn't need to worry about her - and even included a toy cat that looked just like her and a book to read with her mum whenever she missed her. Tamara told her little girl that her cat had transformed into a star and the letter she received back said that whenever she looked up at the sky, the brightest star there would be Tin Tin.

She received a letter, toy and book in the post a week later. It said: "I want you to know that I'm okay and have made some nice friends here, one of them called Tibbles snores so loud when we have cat naps. I'm being fed and looked after well by the angels. I know you are sad that I'm not there with you but please don't be. In here is a

little cuddle cat that I thought looks a little like me. So, if you do feel sad you can cuddle him like how we used to." It ended; "Forever your best friend, Tin Tin." and a paw mark.

Teaching assistant Tamara said: "I was **gobsmacked** when the parcel arrived, it was so moving to open it with Nevaeh. Nevaeh addressed the letter to 'The brightest star in the clouds, Heaven. I think she really needed some closure so she could start to move on after Tin Tin died, and what this postman has done really did that for us. Nevaeh and Tin Tin were best friends, they had a really close bond, whenever they saw each other they were so happy. When we sent the letter I didn't expect anything to come back and I don't think Nevaeh did either but it was important to her to say farewell."

"Getting a response was the last thing we expected, and I'm just so thankful to the Royal Mail and the postman for writing that letter and sending it to us - and of course for the toys too." Mum Tamara said she was taken aback by the parcel they got in return. "I tracked down the postman that did it and although I didn't get a chance to speak to him, I did speak to his wife, and they have cats too so they totally understood why Neveah was so upset. It has really helped, her sleeping is getting back to normal and now that she knows Tin Tin is okay, she is starting to get over the loss and is a bit happier." Tin Tin had to be put down due to heart failure earlier this year and Nevaeh, who was struggling to sleep, eventually decided she needed to say a proper goodbye.

19. In paragraph 1, how did the postman notice Nevaeh's letter?

- A. It was addressed to heaven
- B. It stated her cat had died.
- C. It had a parcel with it.
- D. It came with a reply.

20. What kind of a person was the postman?

- A. Meticulous
- B. Thoughtful
- C. Grateful
- D. Loving

21. In paragraph 2, what was Tamara's warning to her daughter?

- A. Her letter will get lost in the Royal Mail.
- B. Her daughter will not get a reply at all.
- C. Her letter will not be spotted.
- D. The distance to heaven

22. In paragraph 3, what was the main content of the letter?

- A. Nevaeh's cat had turned to a star
- B. Description of her new toy cat.
- C. Her cat was happy in heaven.
- D. Tin Tin was a great listener.

23. In paragraph 4, the postman sent all the items to Nevaeh because

- A. she was terribly missing her dead cat.
- B. she wanted to snuggle with her cat.
- C. it reminds her of Tibbles' snores.
- D. the angels had fed her cat.

24. In paragraph 5 'I was gobsmacked.' means

- A. the writer was exhausted.
- B. the writer was surprised.
- C. the writer was thrilled.

25. What was the last thing mother and daughter expected?

- A. A reply
- B. A soft toy
- C. A new cat
- D. A farewell

26. What happened to Nevaeh in the end?

- A. She was understood by everyone
- B. She started coping with her loss
- C. She was still pain stricken.
- D. She still missed her pet.