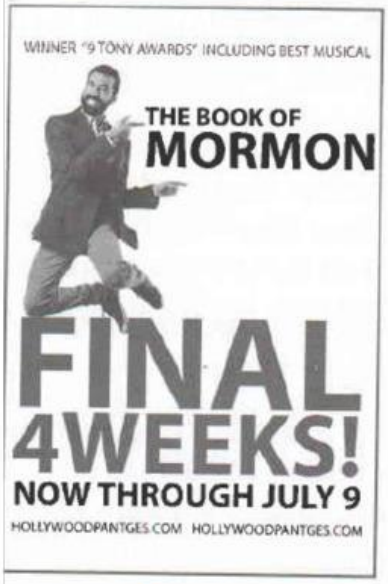
Reading Test

I. Read the texts below. Match choices A-H to the texts 1-5. There are three extra choices.

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A Rental
B Shopping
C Employment
D Entertainment
E Health Care
F Dining Out
G Travelling
H Education

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II. Read the text. Choose the correct answers.

On top of the world

In January 2015, Kevin Jorgeson and Tommy Caldwell climbed to the top of the Dawn Wall of El Capitan – a famous mountain in Yosemite National Park, USA. This is often described as the world's most difficult rock climb. It took Jorgeson and Caldwell eighteen days to climb the 900 metres to the top! During this time, they hung tents off the rock, and ate and slept in them. The Dawn Wall is so difficult because there is nothing big for climbers to hold onto. Jorgeson and Caldwell had to climb by holding tiny pieces of rocks with the ends of their fingers. They used ropes to protect themselves from falling, but not to help them climb.

Kevin Jorgeson nearly didn't finish the climb. He found one part of the Dawn Wall extremely difficult. It took him seven days to do this part, and he fell eleven times. His fingers were damaged too, so he had to wait for them to get better before he could continue. But in the end, both men finished the climb together. It was an amazing achievement.

Only two weeks later, an ice climber called Will Gadd became the first person to climb a frozen part of the Niagara Falls. These falls, on the Niagara River between America and Canada, are the biggest waterfalls in North America. They are made of three separate waterfalls, and Gadd climbed the Horseshoe Falls, on the Canadian side. In winter, a part of these 50.9 metre falls freezes, and Gadd wanted to climb up the ice. But it was an extremely difficult climb. The ice was very thick in some places, but not in other places. And because only a part of the waterfall was frozen, a lot of water fell past Gadd as he climbed. Gadd knew that if he fell, he would probably die – but he got to the top.

But why do people want to do dangerous climbs like these? 'Dangerous situations are very exciting,' says climber Terrence Jones. 'They make you feel alive.' Humans have always looked for challenges, but many of the old challenges – like climbing Mount Everest – aren't exciting enough for some climbers because so many people have already done them. 'Climbers like Caldwell and Gadd want to achieve more than anyone else,' says Jones, 'so that the world will read about them in the papers and see them on TV.'

One day people will complete all of the difficult climbs on Earth, so what will climbers do then? 'I don't know,' says Jones. 'But perhaps one day far in the future people won't climb on Earth. There are still mountains to climb on Mars!' This may never happen, of course, but one thing is certain: the search for adventure will not stop.

1 Why was the Dawn Wall difficult to climb?

a It was higher than the climbers thought.

b The climbers couldn't sleep.

c The rocks were difficult for climbers to hold.

d It took a very long time to finish.

2 Jorgeson had to stop climbing for a while because

a he was really tired.

b he was anxious.

c he often slipped.

d he had an injury.

3 What does the text say about Will Gadd's climb?

a Nobody had climbed that section of the falls before him.

b He climbed the highest part of the Niagara Falls.

c It was the most dangerous climb in the world.

d Nobody had climbed on ice in Canada before.

4 Terence suggests that Gadd and Caldwell climb

a to become famous.

b to write about their experiences.

c to make TV programmes.

d to show people how difficult climbing is.

5 In this article, the writer

a encourages people to go on adventures.

b discusses people who do difficult things.

c describes why he likes doing dangerous climbs.

d predicts the future of climbing.

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III. Read the texts. Match the writers (Katie, Ben, Gareth and Davina) with the questions (1-10). One writer matches with 2 sentences. There are two extra sentences.

Young entrepreneurs

How do you become a successful entrepreneur while you're still at school? Four young people explain how they did it.

Katie Bradley, 14 *The chef*

I've always eaten cakes, but when I learned to make them I realised how unhealthy many of them were. So I wanted to find a way to make healthy cakes, without much sugar. Instead of lots of sugar, I used more fruit and healthy kinds of low-sugar chocolate. The results were amazing – they were delicious, and also good for you. My mum encouraged me to start selling them at our local market, and I came up with the name 'Katie's cakes'. I was surprised at how popular they were! Now I've been contacted by a big supermarket. They're keen to sell my products, so I'm really excited!

Ben Stewart, 15 *The blogger*

I love writing, so one day my teacher suggested I started a blog. But there are lots of blogs on the internet, and I wanted my blog to be different. Then I had a great idea. I'm really interested in shopping, and I also know more about money than most teenagers: you know, how to earn it and how to save it. So I started a shopping and money blog for teenagers. I give people advice about shopping – and if they have money problems, I tell them the best thing to do. I started the website a year ago, and it's grown and grown. Thousands of people visit my blog now, and I make money from adverts on the blog. I've had lots of great messages from people too. One person said that I had changed their life. That's awesome!

Gareth Jones, 13 *The website designer*

I've had a computer since I was six years old, so I've grown up with IT. I use websites all the time to help me with my homework. But in the past I often couldn't find the answers to simple questions very quickly. I realised that many teenagers were probably having the same problem. So I came up with an idea for a new website. It's designed to help people with their homework, and it's already become very popular. It's for young people and written by young people too. It doesn't cost anything to use the website, but I have advertisements on there so I'm making a lot of money. It's brilliant!

Davina Richards, 16 *The online seller*

When I was twelve years old, I wanted to go on a school trip. But my mum said that she wouldn't pay for it – I could only go on the trip if I paid for it myself. So I needed to sell something and make money. My mum showed me how to use eBay, and I looked through my old CDs, books and gadgets and decided which ones to sell. I made £100 in the first few days, and after that I couldn't stop. Now I've got an online shop. I buy things to sell in my shop, and my friends and I make things to sell online too.

Which person …

1 had an idea because they were having trouble with something? _____
2 had problems with money? _____
3 started by selling some of his/her old things? _____
4 gives free advice to people? _____
5 made something in a different way? _____
6 started a business because they needed money? _____
7 helps people to find information when they need it? _____
8 started their business after learning IT at school? _____
9 was contacted by a big company? _____
10 is pleased that they have helped people? _____

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