1 Perfect for the job

Reading understanding the whole text; matching sentences to gaps

1 Read the Exam Reminder. Then answer the questions.

1 What is the first thing you need to do with the text?

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2 Which parts of the text do you need to re-read carefully?

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Exam REMINDER

Understanding the whole text

- Make sure you understand the general meaning, so read the whole text first.
- Read before and after the first gap: what is the specific topic?
- Read the missing sentences. Is there more than one sentence about a similar idea or topic?
- Choose the sentence that fits grammatically and logically.

2 Read and complete the Exam Task.

Exam TASK

Matching sentences to gaps

Five sentences have been removed from the text. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

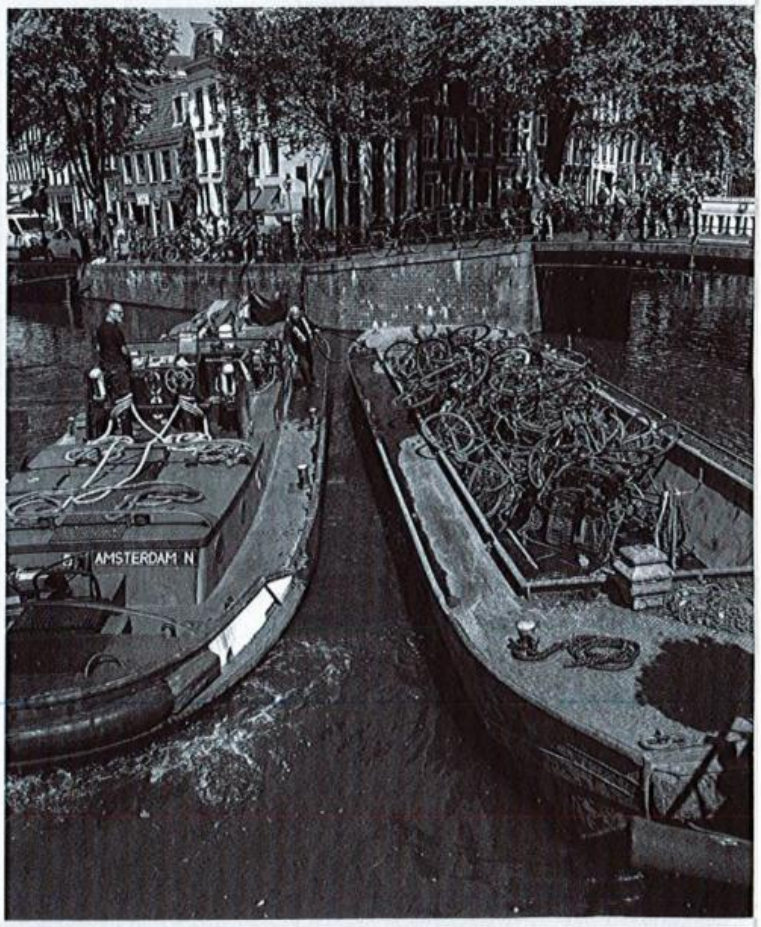
A The sale of the bikes gives the city extra money to spend on other services.
B There aren't many tourists around at this time, so there are fewer boats on the canals.
C He's looking for bicycles.
D However, nobody really knows why so many bikes end up in the canals.
E This is the only qualification bike fishers need.
F Unfortunately, about 15,000 of these end up in the canals every year.
G They have to do a two-week training course before starting.
H In fact, there are actually more bikes than people in Amsterdam.

Fishing for bicycles

We're in Amsterdam. A man is on a boat and he's looking carefully into the water. Is he looking for fish for his dinner? Not exactly. **(1)** _____ This is because he's a bike fisher. Amsterdam has got a lot of canals, around 100 kilometres in all, and also a large number of bikes – probably about a million. **(2)** _____ Whilst they're a useful way of getting around, when they end up in the canal they can be a real problem for the many boats operating in the city.

In the 1960s people started to fish for bikes and remove them from the canals. As a result, there are a number of official bike fishers who do the job full-time in Amsterdam. **(3)** _____ They learn a lot of things in this time, including how to look for and pick up the bikes correctly. Bike fishers can really help the environment because the metal from the bikes can be recycled and reused. The man on the boat is now pulling two dirty old bikes out of the water. He looks quite happy with himself – the bikes are in good condition. This means they can be sold to a bike shop rather than go to a recycling centre. **(4)** _____

Fishing for bikes is a calm and relaxing job, just like the more traditional hobby. The bike fishers are generally busier in winter. **(5)** _____ This means the fishers have more time to search the water more carefully and find more bikes.



LIVEWORKSHEETS