

## ENGLISH – ADDITIONAL READING 2

Read the following passage carefully. Do the tasks below the passage.

### Reading passage 1

Last week, Mai attended a cultural exchange event for both foreign and Vietnamese students in Tao Dan Park. It was so fun and useful because she had a great opportunity to communicate with many friends from other countries. That helped Mai develop her confidence as well as improve her English. Besides, it was a good occasion for making friends and finding out about various cultures from all over the world. She got acquainted with many boys and girls from Canada, New Zealand, and the UK. Among of them, she likes two Australian twin sisters, Amelia and Amanda, most. Both are quite beautiful and friendly. After the event, surprisingly they invited Mai to their home in Melbourne. They promised to take her to see kangaroos and koalas in real life. She was very glad and accepted that invitation.

**Question 1:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

Mai and two of her classmates, Amelia and Amanda had lots of fun at the event.

(Write True or False in the blank)

**Question 2:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

Mai will travel to Australia someday in the future.

(Write True or False in the blank)

**Question 3:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Mai's experiences in a cultural exchange event.
- B. An occasion to show foreigners Mai's cultural knowledge
- C. An invitation to visit an English speaking country

(Write A, B, or C in the blank)

**Question 4:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

The event may not help the participants to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. learn about different cultures and become more confident
- B. make friends and improve communication skills
- C. understand more about the twins and go abroad

(Write A, B, or C in the blank)

### Question 5:

Write down **one** animal that you find in the passage which has a highly specialized digestive system, which allows them to process the tough and poisonous eucalyptus leaves.

(Write your answer in the blank)

### Question 6:

Write down **one** animal that you find in the passage which is well-known for their powerful jumping ability, large size, and unique pouch for raising their young.

(Write your answer in the blank)

### Question 7:

Write down **one word** that you find in the passage which means 'knowing or being familiar with a person'.

(Write your answer in the blank)



## Reading passage 2

### ANIMATION

The theory of the animated cartoon was introduced before the invention of the cinema by half a century. When working to create conversation pieces for Victorian shops, people discovered the principle of persistence of vision. If drawings of the stages of an action were shown in fast succession, the human eye would perceive them as a continuous movement.

One of the first commercially successful devices, invented by the Belgian Joseph Plateau in 1832, was the phenakistoscope, a spinning cardboard disk that created the illusion of movement when viewed in a mirror, in 1834, William Horner invented the zoetrope, a rotating drum lined by a band of pictures. The Frenchman Émile Reynaud in 1876 adapted the principle into a form that could be projected before a theatrical audience. Reynaud became not only animation's first entrepreneur but also the first artist to give personality and warmth to his animated characters.

**Question 1.** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

The theory of animation was developed a century before the introduction of the cinema.

**(Write True or False in the blank)**

**Question 2.** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

A phenakistoscope is a rotating drum lined by a band of pictures.

**(Write True or False in the blank)**

**Question 3.** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

The passage is mainly about \_\_\_\_.

- A. the first animation's entrepreneur
- B. the reason why animation is popular
- C. early history of animation

**(Write A, B, or C in the blank)**

**Question 4.** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

Who is NOT mentioned as an inventor of an animation-making device?

- A. Victoria
- B. William Horner
- C. Joseph Plateau

**(Write A, B, or C in the blank)**

**Question 5.**

Write down A WORD from the passage which means 'the group of people watching or listening to a film or someone speaking'.

**(Write your answer in the blank)**

**Question 6.**

Write down A WORD from the passage which shows 'the way people behave, feel, and think'.

**(Write your answer in the blank)**



### Reading passage 3

Josh is one of the gifted seventh graders at an international lower secondary school with over 800 students aged from 11 to 15. It also has modern facilities and well-qualified teachers, which can provide Josh and his friends with the best learning conditions. Josh has a great passion for science. He likes doing interesting experiments in the science laboratory under the guidance of his teacher. He finds these experiments about electricity or light quite useful and practical. The computer room is also a place where he often goes after class to search for necessary information about safe, funny and simple experiments on the Internet. He also does many science projects with his partners there. With great efforts, he hopes he will become a scientist in the future.

**Question 1:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

Josh' secondary school is not for gifted students.

**(Write True or False in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

Josh is allowed to use the computer room after class only.

**(Write True or False in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Things make Josh's school a good learning environment
- B. Josh's passion for science and experiments
- C. Josh's dream of becoming a scientist

**(Write A, B, or C in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

How does Josh feel about experiments about light or electricity?

- A. simple and safe to do
- B. practical and useful
- C. modern and interesting

**(Write A, B, or C in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5:**

Write down **one word** that you find in the passage which means 'something students can bring home to do or do with friends'.

**(Write your answer in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 6:**

Write down **one word** that you find in the passage which means 'places, buildings, or equipment used for a particular activity'.

**(Write your answer in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_



## Reading passage 4

### FOOD FESTIVAL

Sarah works for a local charity organization that gives poor children an opportunity to taste “foreign” food. This year “Wish you were here” has organized a food festival to raise enough money to send to children in Cornwall. They are hoping to attract a lot of visitors and they have already decided that the food festival is popular, so it will take place every year.

There are many things to do and see at the festival. You can buy food from many restaurants and you don't need to break the bank because meals are expensive. Children are welcome and their meals only cost nothing. Other events at the festival include face-painting and a competition which is open to participants from all age groups. Families will be especially pleased to see in an area when their children can have a meal.

**Question 1:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

This festival is hoped to be held every year.

**(Write True or False in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

All the activities at the festival are related to food only.

**(Write True or False in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

What is this year's festival purpose?

- A. To give food to poor children in the area
- B. To collect money for the local children
- C. To introduce foreign food to people in Cornwall

**(Write A, B, or C in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

Children are welcome and their meals are \_\_\_\_\_.

(free of charge / only nothing / not expensive)

**(Write your answer in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5:**

Write down ONE activity that you find in the passage which may involve decorating something.

Write ONE word only.

**(Write your answer in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 6:**

Write down **one word** that you find in the passage which means ‘an organization to give money, food, or help to the needy’.

**(Write your answer in the blank)** \_\_\_\_\_



## Reading passage 5

Countries around the world offer various kinds of school meal programs. Because it is important for children to eat nutritious and healthy food, school lunches around the world become one essential topic to discuss.

### Japan

This country is a world-wide known place of healthy eating. According to the teacher of English in one of the Japanese districts, students in Japan usually eat a bowl of rice, some fish, a salad made from pickles, some sort of soup and tofu added with vegetables and fruits. Japanese students are also given a bottle of milk for every school lunch. This variety of products is traditional for the Japanese people and represents quite a healthy and nutritious range of foods.

### The United States

The typical school lunch in the USA is burger and chips, which is not as nutritious as expected. It leads to such health problems as obesity and overweight in the later years of life. However, recently, the American government has passed an act according to which school lunches should comprise of more nutritious and healthy foods. Hopefully, such measures will help to improve the quality of school lunches in the US.

**Question 1:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

Students in Japan sometimes have milk for school lunch.

(Write True or False in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:** Decide whether this sentence is True or False:

American government has done something to improve the school lunch.

(Write True or False in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

What is the passage mainly about?

- A. Meals in different countries
- B. Nutritious food for children around the world
- C. School lunches in some countries

(Write A, B, or C in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4:** Choose the best answer A, B, or C to fill in the blank.

Why does the writer write this piece of information?

- A. To discuss school lunches in different countries
- B. To help parents select the best school for their children
- C. To complain of the unhealthy school lunches in the US

(Write A, B, or C in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5:**

Write down **one** adjective in the passage which means 'important and necessary'.

(Write your answer in the blank) \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 6:**

Write down **two** health problems mentioned in the passage.

(Write your answer in the blank) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

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