

Questions 11–15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

My Canadian trip

by Louise Walton

Last year I went on an amazing trip – travelling by boat on a guided group tour along the west coast of Canada. It was my brother Harry's idea. He's a journalist, like me, and he wanted to write articles about the trip. He's also a great fan of boats, although that's one interest we definitely don't share. But I'd dreamt of visiting the area ever since seeing it on TV as a child, especially as I knew it was where our great-grandparents had lived before moving to Europe. So I kept asking Harry if I could go too – until he finally agreed!

A few weeks before we left home, there were storms in the area we were going to. But luckily the forecast for the time we intended to be there was for calm seas. Although there was plenty to arrange, I was busy at work so didn't have much time to think about what needed doing. But Harry promised he'd taken care of everything, so I knew everything would be all right.

After arriving in Canada, we joined the group, packed our limited supplies into small boats and set off. The guide had mentioned that very few people now lived along that coast, and sure enough, the only other living creatures we saw for the first few days were dolphins and birds. We knew there were islands in the distance, but the early-morning fog made it hard to see very far, so I just focussed on the beautiful patterns our boat made in the water.

We often stopped for hours to explore the rock pools on the beaches. They were full of amazing coloured fish, many of which I didn't recognise. And it was great to be able to stop caring about how quickly or slowly the day was passing. We never forgot lunch or dinner, though, which we all made together over camp fires. When we finally fell asleep on the boats each evening, even though the beds were hard, it really felt like stress-free living!

When the time came to leave, I was sad. How could I return to normal life again? But I knew if I stayed, I'd miss family and friends. I was also looking forward to telling everyone at home about our adventures!

11 Why was Louise keen to go on the trip to Canada?

A She liked the idea of spending time in a boat.
B She knew her brother wanted her to accompany him.
C She had wanted to travel there for a long time.
D She had heard from some relatives who lived there.

12 Just before their departure, Louise

A began to wonder how they would deal with bad weather.
B was confident that they were fully prepared for the trip.
C wished she could help her brother more.
D felt she was better organised than usual.

13 On the first morning of the trip, Louise says she admired

A the way the sea around them looked.
B the wildlife which their boats attracted.
C the homes that people had built in the area.
D the views of islands they were passing.

14 During the trip, Louise enjoyed

A learning the names of the fish she saw.
B not having to cook regular meals.
C spending the nights in comfort.
D not having to worry about time.

15 What would Louise write in her diary during the trip?

A There are wonderful pools along the coast, left behind by the sea. I wish we had the time to look at them more carefully.

B I can't believe I'm in the same place I saw on that programme ages ago. Our great-grandparents would be amazed!

C We've brought a lot of stuff with us in the boats – I'm sure it's not all necessary. It's surprising they don't sink!

D It'll be hard to say goodbye to the place at the end, but I can't wait to get back to work – I've really missed it.

Part 5

Questions 21–26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Inventing the telephone

The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell. His first career involved teaching people how to use a system which his father had (21) to help deaf people communicate. Because of this, Bell became more and more interested in all types of communication.

Bell wanted to (22) it possible for people to talk to each other over (23) distances. He realised that he had to turn sound into electricity and then back to sound again. This was a big engineering (24)

In 1876, after several months of hard work on this problem, Bell and his assistant Thomas Watson (25) it.

The first words ever spoken on the telephone are famous. Bell was working on their new invention in his laboratory when he accidentally (26) dangerous liquid on his clothes. He called Watson and said, 'Come here, I want to see you!'

21	A thought	B developed	C done	D reached
22	A create	B have	C get	D make
23	A long	B high	C wide	D far
24	A request	B demand	C challenge	D method
25	A solved	B answered	C succeeded	D found
26	A lost	B kept	C fell	D spilt

Questions 27–32

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **one** word for each gap.

From: Harry

To: Oliver

Subject: Piano lessons

Hi Oliver,

Guess what? I've finally started piano lessons, like you! As you know, it's something I've wanted to do ever (27) I was young. Anyway, a couple of months ago I saw someone playing the piano on TV – he was brilliant. And when I found out he'd only started playing quite recently, that encouraged (28) to start lessons.

I've got a really good teacher, and I go to her house twice a week (29) lessons. She's very patient. Every time I make a mistake, she explains what I did wrong. Also, I couldn't read music when I started. It's been hard to learn to read the notes on the page and decide which piano keys to use at the (30) time! But when I finally play something that other people recognise, it really makes me happy. Maybe (31) day, I'll become even better (32) you are at playing the piano!

Part 2**Questions 8–13**

For each question, choose the correct answer.



8 You will hear a brother and sister talking about a gift for their cousin. Why do they decide to buy the gift online?

A It's heavy to carry home from the shop.
B It's not available in the shop.
C It's difficult to get to the shop.

9 You will hear two colleagues discussing their holiday travel plans. The man thinks that the woman should

A go somewhere new for her holiday.
B spend more time away.
C take a different type of transport.

10 You will hear a man talking to a friend about a fitness training session. The man cannot attend today's session because

A his doctor has advised him to rest.
B he has not recovered from a cold yet.
C he has just had an operation.

11 You will hear two friends talking about a play they've just seen. What does the woman say about the play?

A It improved after the interval.
B The costumes were strange.
C The acting was disappointing.

12 You will hear two friends talking about a film and its soundtrack. What does the woman say about the soundtrack?

A It's enjoyable for all ages.
B It's relaxing to listen to.
C It's better than the film.

13 You will hear two friends talking about the news. They agree that

A reading the news is an essential part of the day.
B it's best to read the news online.
C there's too much news about famous people.

Part 3

Questions 14–19

For each question, write the correct answer in the gap.
Write **one** or **two words** or a **number** or a **date** or a **time**.



You will hear a guide giving some information about a walk in the countryside.

Countryside walk

The walk will take (14) hours.

Walkers should be careful of (15) along the route.

Walkers will have lunch near the (16)

Walkers are likely to see wildlife including (17)

At the end of the walk, people can visit a (18)

It's possible to take a (19) back to the place where the walk started.

Part 4**Questions 20–25**

For each question, choose the correct answer.



You will hear an interview with a young poet called Laura Dickson.

20 Laura first became interested in poetry

- A** by reading it at home.
- B** by studying it at school.
- C** by learning about it from her father.

21 What made Laura decide to become a professional poet?

- A** She met a famous poet.
- B** She did a poetry course.
- C** She won a poetry prize.

22 What is Laura's new book about?

- A** various types of buildings
- B** personal relationships
- C** climate change

23 What does Laura say about reading poetry written a long time ago?

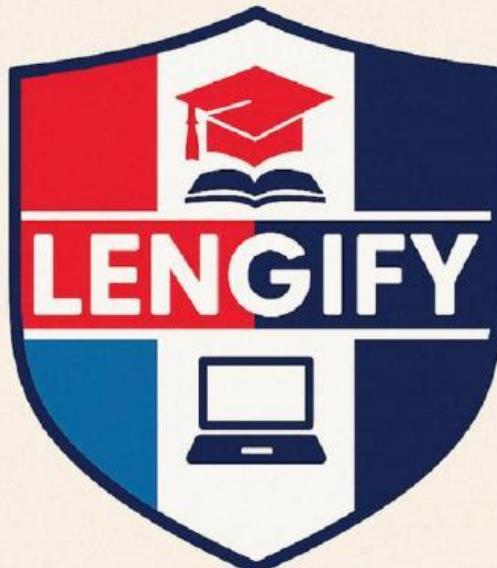
- A** She admires how well it's written.
- B** She finds it difficult to understand.
- C** She prefers to read modern poems.

24 How does Laura feel about her new job teaching at a university?

- A** pleased with her ability to do it well
- B** grateful to have helpful colleagues
- C** surprised by the amount of work

25 In the future, Laura would like to

- A** organise a poetry festival.
- B** take a break from writing poetry.
- C** add music to some of her poetry.



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