

You are going to read an extract from a novel. For questions 1-8, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

When the triangle sounded in the morning, Jody dressed even more quickly than usual. In the kitchen, while he washed his face and combed back his hair, his mother addressed him irritably: "Don't you go out until you get a good breakfast in you." He went into the dining-room and sat at the long white table. He took a steaming hotcake from the platter, arranged two fried eggs on it, covered them with another hotcake and squashed the whole thing with his fork.

His father and Billy Buck came in. His father turned off the oil lamp, for the day had arrived, and he looked stern and disciplinary, but Billy Buck didn't look at Jody at all. He avoided the shy questioning eyes of the boy and soaked a whole piece of toast in his coffee. Carl Tiffin said crossly, "You come with us after breakfast!"

line 10 Jody had trouble with his food then, for he felt a kind of doom in the air. After Billy had tilted his saucer and drained the coffee which had slopped into it, and had wiped his hands on his jeans, the two men stood up from the table and went out into the morning light together, and Jody respectfully followed a little behind them. His mother called, "Carl! Don't you let it keep him from school."

The sun shone over the hill and threw long, dark shadows of the trees and buildings. They crossed a stubble-field to shortcut to the barn. Jody's father unhooked the door and they went in. He looked into the box stall and then stepped back quickly. A red pony was looking at him out of the stall. Its tense ears were forward and a light of disobedience was in his eyes. Its coat was rough and thick as an Airedale's fur and its mane was long and tangled. Jody's throat collapsed in on itself and cut his breath short.

"He needs a good currying," his father said, "and if I ever hear of you not feeding him or leaving his stall dirty, I'll sell him off in a minute." Jody couldn't bear to look at the pony's eyes any more. He gazed down at his hands for a moment, and he asked very shyly, "Mine?" No one answered him. He put his hand out toward the pony. Its grey nose came close, sniffing loudly, and then the lips drew back and the strong teeth closed on Jody's fingers. The pony shook its head up and down and seemed to laugh with amusement. Jody regarded his bruised fingers. "Well," he said with pride – "Well, I guess he can bite all right." Carl Tiffin went out of the barn and walked up a side-hill to be by himself, but Billy Buck stayed.

It was easier to talk to Billy Buck. Jody asked again – "Mine?" Billy became professional in tone. "Sure! That is, if you break him right. I'll show you how. He's just a colt. You can ride him sometime." Jody put out his bruised hand again, and this time the red pony let his nose be rubbed. "If he hasn't a name already, I think I'll call him Gabilan Mountains," said Jody. Billy Buck knew how he felt. "It's a pretty long name. Why don't you just call him Gabilan?" he suggested. "That means hawk. That would be a fine name for him." "I'll bring the kids to see him here this afternoon," Jody said.

Six boys came over the hill early that afternoon, running hard. They swept by the house and cut across the stubble-field to the barn. They stood self-consciously before the pony, and then they looked at Jody with eyes in which there was a new admiration and a new respect. Before today Jody had been a boy, dressed in overalls and a blue shirt – quieter than most, even suspected of being a little cowardly. And now he was different. They knew that a man on a horse is spiritually as well as physically bigger than a man on foot. They knew that Jody had been miraculously lifted out of equality with them, and had been placed over them. Gabilan put his head out of the stall and sniffed them.

1 Jody's father turned off the oil lamp because

- A he was feeling angry about something.
- B he didn't want his son to see him.
- C he didn't need a light in the room.
- D Jody had forgotten to do so himself.

TIP
Take care when completing answer sheet – make sure that you are filling in the appropriate lozenge for your answer and that you fill one lozenge for each answer.

2 The writer uses the phrase 'Jody had trouble with his food' (line 10) to suggest that

- A Jody didn't usually have much appetite.
- B Jody was feeling too anxious to eat.
- C the food kept falling off Jody's plate.
- D Jody couldn't eat as fast as his father.

3 When Jody first met the pony,

- A he stepped back quickly in case it attacked him.
- B it showed that it would never follow orders.
- C he was disappointed by its rough appearance.
- D his feelings made it hard for him to breathe.

4 When Jody's father gave him the pony,

- A he made Jody promise to look after it.
- B it was given on certain conditions.
- C he told Jody how to feed and clean it.
- D he said it would be easy to sell it.

5 Carl Tiffin left the barn because

- A he wanted to be alone with his feelings.
- B he was frightened the pony would bite again.
- C he knew Jody found it easier to talk to Billy.
- D he needed to go for a walk in the fresh air.

6 Billy Buck promised to help Jody

- A be more professional.
- B ride the pony.
- C name the pony.
- D train the pony.

7 Billy thought the name that Jody wanted to give the pony was

- A very attractive.
- B not short enough.
- C too common.
- D a suitable name.

8 What was the boys' attitude towards Jody in the end?

- A They still wouldn't accept him as one of them.
- B They were self-conscious about being with him.
- C They didn't feel the same about him as before.
- D They thought he was too cowardly to have a pony.

You are going to read about four people who have had bad experiences while travelling. For questions 16-30, choose from the travellers (A-D). The travellers may be chosen more than once. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Nightmare Journeys

A

The Pleasure Cruiser

It was meant to be the trip of a lifetime – a two-week cruise round the Mediterranean. My wife and I had been putting money aside for it for five years. Everything was wonderful for the first ten days. The ship was really luxurious with every facility you could wish for. We were really enjoying ourselves until disaster struck. The boat hit some rocks somehow and damaged the stern. We hadn't even realised that anything had happened until the captain announced that, for our own safety, all the passengers would have to be taken ashore. As there were over a thousand people on the cruise, you can imagine how long it took to get everyone into the lifeboats. The crew were really marvellous and very well organised, but it was a long night. Fortunately, the mainland was close by and we all arrived safe but exhausted. The tour company gave us a partial refund for the cruise, so we're going to put it towards the next one we take.

C

The Plane Passenger

I have always liked flying, but my husband has never been too keen on it. On this occasion we were going to visit my daughter who was living in Germany. The weather wasn't that bad when we took off from London, but it got steadily worse during the flight. The flight captain warned us that we would experience some turbulence and explained there was nothing to worry about, so I wasn't expecting it to be that bad. It was absolutely terrifying. Not only was the plane shuddering and shaking, but it kept dropping quite dramatically. My husband was as white as a sheet, so I had to do my best to calm him down. Some of the passengers were crying and everyone looked very frightened. When we finally landed in Frankfurt you could see the relief on everyone's faces, and I have to say my knees were a bit wobbly getting off the plane, too. We had to go home by train and ferry, because my husband swore he'd never get on a plane again.

B

The Commuter

When I looked out the window that morning and saw heavy snow had fallen I knew that meant only one thing – transport chaos. It would be a nightmare getting into work. I walked to the station, taking great care on the icy pavements, so it took me twenty minutes rather than the usual ten. There were a lot of delays due to the weather conditions and all the trains were jam-packed. I couldn't get on the first couple of trains but I eventually managed to squeeze on one. When the doors opened at the next station there was a surge of people trying to get off, and as I stepped out of the train I didn't notice the large gap between the train door and the platform. I fell in the gap, right up to my hips. Luckily, the other passengers were really quick thinking and about five of them grabbed me to pull me out. I only had a few scrapes and bruises, but I was in such a state of shock that I just went home.

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The Coach Passenger

Being a student on a tight budget, I decided to take the coach back to Wales for my summer holidays. It was already quite warm when we set off in the morning, and by midday it was boiling. I didn't really mind, though, as I was just looking forward to going home. Then the coach slowed down to a virtual standstill. The holiday traffic was so bad on the motorway that the vehicles were just crawling along. To make matters worse, it was unbearably hot on the coach and I soon finished the small bottle of water I had with me. So I had to sit there with a raging thirst while the coach inched its way down the motorway. All the passengers were really angry about the conditions on the coach and kept shouting at the driver. I felt sorry for him, because it wasn't his fault. I was overjoyed when we finally made it to our destination. I'll definitely get the train next time. You don't get traffic jams on trains.

Which traveller or travellers

had chosen a cheaper way to travel?

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praises the behaviour of the people in charge?

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did not manage to complete their trip?

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will use another form of transport in the future?

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had to reassure another person?

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mentions someone who dislikes a method of transport?

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was aware there would be a problem before setting off?

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had saved up to take the trip?

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suffered minor injuries?

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mentions how afraid fellow travellers were?

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ran out of something during the trip?

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had some money returned to them after the trip?

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felt bad about how someone was treated?

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says their experience was very tiring?

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You are going to read a magazine article about a man who works as a diver. Six paragraphs have been removed from the article. Choose the most suitable paragraph from the list **A–H** for each part (**15–20**). There is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (**0**).

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

THE GOLFBALL FROGMAN

Professional diver Adam Tranter was thrilled when some friends invited him for a round of golf at an internationally famous course. If he did well, he might be allowed to join the socially-prestigious golf club.

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H

Unwilling to give up the idea of joining the golf club altogether, Adam hit upon the idea of using his diving skills to make himself useful. He put on his wetsuit, strapped a couple of air tanks to his back, and began retrieving lost balls from the lakes on the course.

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And you can't really blame them because there is something a bit ridiculous about a grown man wandering around a golf course in a rubber suit and goggles, jumping into ponds. But for Adam it's a serious business and, apparently, he's also providing a valuable service to golfers.

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Of course, Adam does also come across less distinguished balls and plenty that look a bit knocked-about. These also have a price, however, he cleans them up and sells them at second-hand sales and to other less prestigious golf clubs.

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Most of the lakes are only five or six feet deep, but on the bottom it's impossible to see a thing, you just have to feel around in the mud for the balls. Adam has to be very careful too, because you get all sorts of things down there – bottles, cans, all sorts of junk. If he were to cut himself, he could be out of action for weeks.

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Fortunately, Adam's never been in any kind of difficulty. Nonetheless, he always has someone with him, keeping watch just in case. 'A golf course can be a fairly lonely place,' he explains. 'You can be a long way from help should you ever need it.'

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Despite all these hazards, Adam insists that the job is great fun. 'I was under a lot of weed a couple of weeks ago and all you could make out from the surface was my air tank. A young guy, searching the banks of the lake for his ball, spotted me and ran to the clubhouse shouting, "There's a monster in the lake!"'

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Luckily, nobody at the club has complained about Adam's activities, however, and one suspects that given his notoriety in the golfing world, his membership is now secure.

- A** He makes a good living out of it too. Adam can collect anything from 1,000 to 2,000 balls during a day's diving. A lot of them are good quality with hardly a mark on them and can be sold to professional golfing shops, which in turn sell them back to golfers.
- B** Another such danger is weed. The water in the lakes tends to be stagnant and so plant matter tends to build up very quickly. A diver can easily get tangled up, therefore. Adam is well-aware of the danger and, as a professional, knows better than to take unnecessary chances.
- C** Another thing to look out for is golf balls themselves. 'I usually dive while play is going on and quite often I can be in a lake when balls are landing in it,' says Adam. 'Getting hit by one of those things would be nobody's idea of a joke.'
- D** But Adam wouldn't want us to get the impression that it's easy money. 'I don't want kids thinking that they can earn extra pocket money by doing this,' he insists. 'It is dangerous, dirty, cold and smelly.'
- E** Apart from that, Adam has few regrets about his decision. Indeed, he has become more involved in the world of golf than he bargained for.
- F** On another occasion, when he was covered in weed, he surfaced just behind some poor unsuspecting golfer and yelled 'Boo!' The poor man apparently went very white and no one has seen him at the golf club since.
- G** As a result, Adam has become something of a celebrity on the golf courses of southern England – as a frogman. 'When I tell people what I do, they just fall about laughing,' he says.
- H** It didn't take him long to realise, however, that although he was a natural in the water, he was quite out of his depth on the green. He had no future as a golfer.