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Reading

Level 3

Time allowed **35** minutes

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**Instructions**

- Do **not** open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor.
- You may **not** use a dictionary.
- Read each question carefully.
- Select the correct answer and then mark your selection on your answer sheet.
- Make sure you only mark **one** answer for each question.

## Part One

Read the following texts and select True (A), False (B) or Not in Text (C), in answer to each of the statements on the next page. Mark your selections on your answer sheet.

### Cheap Family Holidays

#### Littlehaven

The feel of golden sand between your toes, the taste of ice cream and the sounds of happy children playing – this is what you will find on a holiday at Littlehaven Holiday Park in Devon. The Holiday Park is on the top of a cliff with perfect views of the sea and only 10 minutes' walk down a rocky path to the sandy beach. The hot showers are free and there is a small supermarket for all your camping needs. Camping for a family of four is from £15 per night in low season, to £35 per night in high season. See our website for more information.



#### Lakeside

Camping by the lake is so exciting for the children. At Lakeside, you won't sleep in a tent; you'll sleep in a special wooden tree house, right next to beautiful Lake Conway. Imagine waking up every morning to the gentle sounds of boats sailing by and the woodland birds singing. There is enough to entertain everyone from sunrise to sunset; nature lovers can enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery and if you like sports there are plenty of exciting water sports on the lake. For a list of our prices, please see our website.



#### City Break

Not everyone likes to spend their holidays by the sea or in the countryside. Did you know that you can have a cheap family holiday in the heart of London? You can stay in an apartment close to Tower Bridge from £100 a night for a family of four. You can cook your own food to save money and visit many of the famous sights and museums free of charge. Get cheaper travel on London's buses and tubes using an Oyster Card. For more information, please ring 0845 612 6122 or look online.



## Part One continued

1. It only takes 10 minutes to walk from the Littlehaven Holiday Park to the beach.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

2. You must pay extra for a hot shower at Littlehaven Holiday Park.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

3. The supermarket at Littlehaven Holiday Park is next to the showers.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

4. The tree houses at Lakeside can sleep up to 10 people.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

5. Lakeside is the best holiday for families who enjoy sailing.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

6. Lake Conway is in the north of England.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

7. To find out the cost of a stay at Lakeside, you have to look online.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

8. City Break apartments cost £100 per night per person.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

9. You must pay to visit all the museums in London.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

10. It is cheaper to buy your Oyster Card at a railway station.

**A = True    B = False    C = Not in Text**

## Part Two

Read the conversation and then answer the questions on the next page.  
Mark your answers on your answer sheet.



Where are we going on holiday this summer, Dad?

I don't know, Alfie. Mum lost her job last month so we don't have enough money for a holiday abroad like last year.



Yeah, Florida was great, wasn't it? I preferred it to California where we went the year before. I'd love to go to the USA again.

Maybe we will, but not this year. When I was a boy I used to go to the seaside in Devon and spend all day on the beach. I used to stay with my grandparents who had a little house on the coast.



Wasn't that boring? Just sunbathing all day?

It wasn't boring at all. I used to search in the rock pools for tiny fish, collect shells and build sandcastles. But best of all, the cliffs in that area are ancient and you can find all kinds of prehistoric bones! When I was there, a boy found a dinosaur bone!



Really? Cool!

I remember the second time I went to Devon – I think I was 10 years old, about your age – my granddad took me fishing in his boat. I was so pleased with myself because I caught my first fish – it was about 30 cm long!



30 cm long? Are you sure?

Well, 10 cm perhaps. I didn't want to eat it though – I threw it back in the sea. Granddad caught plenty of fish for our supper that night, and Grandma cooked them.



## Part Two continued



Let's all go to Devon this summer. We don't have to stay in a hotel; we can go camping, like I did with school last term. We had such a laugh! Camping isn't expensive, is it?

That's not a bad idea, Alfie. I'll speak to your mother about it. She doesn't like too much sun, but she can sit in the shade while you and I go fishing in the sea and dig for bones in the cliffs!



What about Daisy?

Your little sister will be quite happy with her bucket and spade and an ice cream. Let's have a look online and see if we can find a good holiday park.

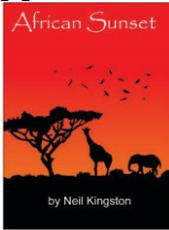


11. Which of the following is **TRUE**?
- A Alfie enjoyed his holiday in Florida
  - B Alfie prefers California to Florida
  - C Alfie doesn't want to go to the USA again
12. Where did Dad go on holiday when he was a child?
- A California
  - B Florida
  - C Devon
13. What did Dad like doing best on his holidays?
- A Sailing
  - B Sunbathing
  - C Looking for things
14. When did Dad catch his first fish?
- A The first time he stayed at his grandparents' house
  - B When he was the same age as Alfie
  - C When he was 12 years old
15. What will Alfie's mum do while Alfie and his dad go fishing?
- A Sit in the shade
  - B Eat ice cream
  - C Go shopping

## Part Three

Read about these four books (A, B, C and D) and then choose the best book for each person on the next page. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

**A**



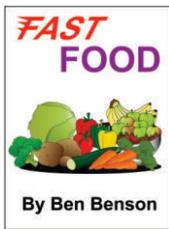
**African Sunset by Neil Kingston:** An English professor disappears when he is on safari in Africa in the 1940s. Does detective Alex Barton find out the truth about the missing professor?

**C**



**The Red Planet by Dr Brian Fox:** It's the year 3000. Humans are fighting for survival on Mars. How long can they live in an alien environment such as this?

**B**



**Fast Food by Ben Benson:** Quick and delicious meals in minutes, using fresh fruit, fish and vegetables – the quickest way to look after your health.

**D**



**Passport to Paris by Alicia Aster:** A boy and a girl meet in an airport lounge when he picks up her luggage by mistake. What follows is an exciting modern adventure story that will make you cry with laughter!

16.



I enjoy cookery lessons at school but when I read I like to escape into the future with a good science fiction book.

17.



I don't read much, in fact I can't remember the last novel I read! I want to be a chef because I enjoy eating healthy food!

18.



I live in France but like to read about adventures in other countries – and I also like to read about the past.

19.



I'm looking for something funny to read on holiday. Nothing too serious – I like a book that makes me laugh!

20.



I hate detective stories. I like to read exciting books about life on other planets.

## Part Four

Select the correct answer (A, B, C or D) to fill the gaps in the conversations. Mark your choice on your answer sheet.

21. Sue always finishes her homework on time, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A** don't she                      **B** doesn't she  
**C** didn't she                      **D** does she

22. Your uncle won't remember me, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A** does he                      **B** doesn't he  
**C** will he                      **D** won't he

23. The pupils didn't understand the lesson, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A** didn't they                      **B** don't they  
**C** didn't you                      **D** did they

24. The music's very loud, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A** wasn't it                      **B** is it  
**C** isn't it                      **D** isn't he

25. You're not coming to the football match, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A** are you                      **B** aren't you  
**C** did you                      **D** do you

## Part Five

Read each question and then choose the correct response (A, B or C). Mark your choice on your answer sheet.

26. What do you use this soap for?

- A** I used it to wash.  
**B** To wash clothes.  
**C** Because it's gentle.

29. Shall we meet for a pizza later?

- A** What about?  
**B** What meeting?  
**C** Good idea.

27. Were you right?

- A** Yes, I am.  
**B** No, I'm not.  
**C** Yes, I was.

30. Will you help me with my bag please?

- A** Off course.  
**B** Of course.  
**C** Thank you.

28. Who left the gate open?

- A** Of course.  
**B** It wasn't me!  
**C** Yes, I did.

## Part Six

Choose the correct answer to fill the numbered gaps. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

### 'Batman' Robbery

Police in Hightown are looking for a man 31\_\_\_\_\_ robbed a jewellery shop in Bold Street 32\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday morning. He is described as being 33\_\_\_\_\_ six feet tall and wearing a Batman suit. It was a quiet weekday morning and Eric Partridge, manager of Sefton Jewellers, was 34\_\_\_\_\_ opening the shop when, 35\_\_\_\_\_, a man dressed like Batman ran into the shop and asked the frightened manager for a large amount of money and the 36\_\_\_\_\_ expensive jewellery in the shop. 'He knew what he wanted,' 37\_\_\_\_\_ Mr Partridge, 45, who was not injured in the robbery. 'At 38\_\_\_\_\_ I didn't think he was serious!' The man, who is thought to be 39\_\_\_\_\_ 20 and 30 years of age, was 40\_\_\_\_\_ seen running towards the city centre. If you saw anything that may help the police catch this criminal, please ring 0845 200 400.

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| 31. | A | which   | B | what     | C | who     |
| 32. | A | at      | B | on       | C | in      |
| 33. | A | about   | B | along    | C | already |
| 34. | A | just    | B | even     | C | ever    |
| 35. | A | at last | B | suddenly | C | then    |
| 36. | A | much    | B | many     | C | most    |
| 37. | A | says    | B | say      | C | said    |
| 38. | A | first   | B | last     | C | once    |
| 39. | A | from    | B | between  | C | because |
| 40. | A | late    | B | at least | C | last    |