

READING COMPREHENSION

Text 1.

Read the text and choose the correct option a, b or c.

RACING DRIVER

Sue Glass had a car accident when she was eight so she didn't like driving. When she grew up this was a problem, because she got a job with a car company. Then six years ago she met Julian Swayland, a racing driver, and she told him she was afraid of cars. He wanted to help, so he took her to Brands Hatch, a Grand Prix racing circuit. He drove her round corners at 100 mph and she loved it. Then she heard about a special motor racing course. She did the course with five men and was surprised when she got top marks. She says: 'I think I did well because I listened to everything the teacher said. I needed to because I was so afraid. The men often didn't listen. The best moment was my first championship race. I didn't win but I was fourth. I beat 20 men. I love the excitement of motor racing but it's a dangerous sport and I'm always very frightened. In fact I stopped doing it a year ago, because I got so nervous before each race, I felt really sick. I'm not going to race again, I'm going to teach other people to drive. I'm going to open a driving school next year.'

1. Sue didn't like driving because ...

- a) it was a problem for her.
- b) she had an accident when she was a child.
- c) she worked with a car company.

2. When a racing driver friend drove her round very fast, she ...

- a) was very scared.
- b) hated it.
- c) enjoyed it a lot.

3. How many people participated in the driving course?

- a) Six.
- b) Five.
- c) More than six.

4. Sue ...

- a) doesn't think motor racing is a dangerous sport.
- b) thinks motor racing is dangerous.
- c) still does motor racing.

5. She ...

- a) teaches motor racing.
- b) doesn't teach motor racing.
- c) would like to teach motor racing.

(Source: Headway Elementary; OUP)

Text 2.

Read the text and choose the correct option a, b or c.

OPENING A RESTAURANT

Twelve months ago Robin Parker left his job at an insurance company. He now has a restaurant which is doing very well since it opened four months ago.

Opening a restaurant was a big change for Robin. He loves travelling and all his favourite television programmes are about cooking. One day, he read in a newspaper about a doctor who left her job and moved to Italy to start a restaurant. He thought, 'I can do that!' His wife and his father weren't very happy about the idea, but his brother, a bank manager, gave him lots of good ideas.

Robin lived in Oxford and had a job in London. He thought that both places were difficult to open a restaurant in, so he chose Manchester because he knew the city from his years at university. He found an empty building in a beautiful old street. It was old and needed a lot of repairs, but all the other buildings were expensive and he didn't have much money.

Robin loves his new work. It's difficult to be the boss, but he found an excellent chef. He says he enjoys talking to customers and some of them are good friends now. He gets up at 6 a.m. and often goes to bed after midnight. It's a long day but he only starts to feel really tired when he takes time off at the weekends.

Robin's restaurant makes a lot of money, he could take a long holiday now. But he's busy with his new idea to open a supermarket selling food from around the world. He already has a building near his restaurant for it.

6. Robin's restaurant opened ...

- a) four months ago.
- b) eight months ago.
- c) twelve months ago.

9. Robin feels most tired ...

- a) in the mornings.
- b) at weekends.
- c) in the evenings.

7. Robin decided to open his restaurant after he ...

- a) visited Italy.
- b) saw a TV programme.
- c) read a newspaper article.

10. Next, Robin wants to ...

- a) take a long holiday.
- b) open a second restaurant.
- c) start another business.

8. Where is Robin's restaurant?

- a) In Oxford.
- b) In London.
- c) In Manchester.

Text 3.

Read the following text.

VIENNA

Vienna has a rich history. Its university opened in 1365, and it is one of the oldest in Europe. From 1558 to 1806 it was the centre of the Holy Roman Empire and it became an important cultural centre for art and learning in the 18th and 19th centuries. The famous psychiatrist, Sigmund Freud, lived and worked there. Vienna was the music capital of the world for many centuries. Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, and the Strauss family all came to work here. It is now the home of the world's most famous orchestras, the Vienna Philharmonic. Its State Opera is also world famous.

Are these sentences True (T) or False (F)?

11. Vienna is a very rich city.
12. Vienna has a university which is hundreds of years old.
13. Vienna was important from the 16th to the 19th centuries.
14. Many famous psychiatrists lived in Vienna.
15. Today Vienna is famous for its music

(Source: New Headway Elementary, Unit 10, Test A; OUP)

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Task 1.

Listen to the description of the Wexford History Museum and decide if the following statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

1. The museum is in an old school building.
2. It is over three thousand years old.
3. The last guided tour is at 5.50 p.m.
4. You can buy postcards and stamps in the museum shop.
5. The post office is near the museum.

(Source: KET Testbuilder with Answer Key, Macmillan.)

Task 2.

You are going to listen to a conversation between two people talking about a street market. Choose the best answer a, b or c.

6. Rita went to the market...
a) on Monday. b) on Wednesday. c) on Saturday.
7. She travelled to the market...
a) by taxi. b) by bus. c) by bicycle.
8. She bought...
a) a book. b) a music CD. c) a film on video.
9. How much money did Rita spend?
a) £3.50 b) £4.50 c) £7.50
10. At the market she met...
a) her cousin. b) her neighbour. c) her dentist.

(Source: KET Testbuilder with Answer Key, Macmillan.)

Task 3.

Listen to James talking about his holiday and decide if the following statements are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

11. James spent two nights in Dublin.
12. He thinks the city is extremely crowded.
13. The weather was cool and cloudy.
14. People in Dublin speak fast and don't like repeating what they said.
15. More than 50% of the people living in Dublin are 30 years old or younger.

(Source: New English File Elementary, EOI Test Resource CDs, File Test 8; OUP.)

USE OF ENGLISH

Task 1.

Choose the right answer a, b or c.

1. Yesterday _____ a lot of people in class.
a) there was b) there were c) it were
2. My sister would _____ at the Liceu next year.
a) likes to sing b) like singing c) like to sing
3. I arrived in London _____ April 3rd 1998.
a) on b) in c) at
4. I wanted to make a cake, but I didn't have _____ eggs.
a) some b) a c) any
5. Do you know David and Anna? We went to the restaurant with _____ yesterday.
a) they b) them c) their
6. My brother _____ early at the weekend.
a) never gets up b) gets up never c) get never up
7. It's _____ in Egypt than in Scotland.
a) more hot b) hoter c) hotter
8. I love music, but I don't like _____.
a) dancing b) dance c) to dancing
9. I went to Paris _____.
a) the last month b) on 1995 c) last summer
10. My sister _____ in New York now.
a) is working b) work c) is work
11. Next year I _____ stop smoking.
a) want b) am going to c) would like
12. '_____ do you go to the cinema?' - 'Twice a week.'
a) How long b) When c) How often
13. '_____ this morning?' - 'It's warm and sunny.'
a) What weather is it b) How the weather is c) What's the weather like



14. _____ the window, please. It's very cold today.
a) You close b) Can close c) Close
15. 'How do I get to the library?' - 'Go along this street and then turn _____.'
a) left b) the left c) on the left

Task 2. Choose the right answer a, b or c.

(16) _____ Saturday, Susan spent the day with (17) _____ boyfriend Mark. It was Susan's birthday and Mark wanted to buy her a nice present. They had lunch in a pub (18) _____ Mark's flat and then they took the bus to the city centre.

Unfortunately, Susan (19) _____ find the shoes she wanted. Then she (20) _____ a nice handbag. It was quite expensive, but Mark gave it to her as a present.

It was a great birthday and she had a good time with her boyfriend.

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| 16. a) On | b) In | c) At |
| 17. a) his | b) she | c) her |
| 18. a) near of | b) next | c) opposite |
| 19. a) couldn't | b) can't | c) could |
| 20. a) look | b) saw | c) seen |