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Part 1a**Questions 1 – 5**

Read the text about Jennifer Figge.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

A 56-year-old has become the first woman to swim (0) the Atlantic Ocean in a shark cage. Jennifer Figge, from Colorado, started from the Cape Verde Islands on January 12, facing waves of up (1) 9 meters high. Her original plan was to swim in a straight line to the Bahamas. (2) , bad weather forced her to change direction and she (3) to swim an extra 1,600 kilometers to Trinidad.

While swimming, she saw some whales, several turtles and dozens of dolphins. Her team threw her energy drinks (4) she swam to help her continue swimming. At night, she returned to the boat to eat a huge meal consisting of meat, fish and peanut butter to (5) her energy levels high.

Example

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|----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 0 | A through | B across | C beyond | D over |
| 1 | A off | B for | C from | D to |
| 2 | A However | B Although | C Despite | D Though |
| 3 | A had | B must | C has | D should |
| 4 | A if | B so | C as | D but |
| 5 | A let | B remain | C stay | D keep |

[5 marks]

Part 1b**Questions 6 – 10**

Read the text about watching movies.

Circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

In my free time, I really enjoy watching movies _____ **(0)** _____ my friends or alone at home.

In most cases, I drop by a local movie rental shop and rent a few DVDs for the evening.

_____ **(6)** _____ I rent a movie, I usually read reviews to find _____ **(7)** _____ other people think about it.

I've joined an online movie rental club recently and the company delivers the movies directly to my house. However, if I go to the cinema, I try to arrive _____ **(8)** _____ minutes early in order to get a good seat. I generally like to watch science fiction or classic movies; I _____ **(9)** _____ stand horror movies. I really love movies that have a good story line, realistic, special _____ **(10)** _____ and great acting.

Example







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|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 0 | A with | B against | C near | D between |
| 6 | A While | B Since | C After | D Before |
| 7 | A what | B when | C where | D why |
| 8 | A some | B less | C few | D little |
| 9 | A can't | B couldn't | C can | D could |
| 10 | A sounds | B decorations | C lights | D effects |

[5 marks]

Part 2
Questions 11 – 15

The people below all want to borrow a book from the library.
On the opposite page there is information about eight different books.
Decide which book would be the most suitable for each person.
For Questions **11 – 15**, write the correct letter (**A – G**) in each box.
There are two extra letters that you do not need to use.

Example

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|-----------|---|--|----------|
| 0 |  | Peter wants to read a story about a crime – he is interested in stories where you have to read until the very last page to find out how the story ends. | H |
| 11 |  | Jenny is interested in real stories about people who have worked hard and achieved their dreams. She really wants to learn more about the people she can see on TV. | |
| 12 |  | James loves animals and has many photos of different animals in his bedroom. He wants to read a story with a happy ending, about an animal that has been brave and done something amazing. | |
| 13 |  | Jerry likes stories with a mystery. He wants to read about far away places where anything can happen, and prefers stories about friends and family. | |
| 14 |  | Mary likes books that have lots of pictures she can look at. She wants to work with animals when she is older and prefers books that teach her new things. | |
| 15 |  | Ann is an artist. She spends her time painting pictures. She would like to have a book that will help her progress, with ideas of things she can do during the holidays. | |

[5 marks]

Websites

- A This book introduces the reader to the current sports men and women all over the world who are doing fantastic things in their own sports. It describes all their hard work to make their dreams come true.
- B Jimmy is the best runner in school with dreams of going to the Olympics. But after an accident he realises he won't be able to run anymore. One day when listening to the radio, he starts to sing. Is this the beginning of a new pop career for Jimmy?
- C Jack the dog gets lost when his owners move house. Luckily a fireman finds Jack and trains him to save people from danger. The story ends when Jack saves his old family from a burning building. This story has a sad beginning but good things do happen in the end.
- D Was "The Lost City of Aah" real? What about the stories of hidden gold in "Aah"? In this book, Mark and his friend, Bob, go on holiday with Mark's grandfather in search of the lost city. They also learn about friendship and the importance of not giving up.
- E This is a book about friendship. The writer, Matt Johnson, looks at different people and their personality and examines what makes people become friends. He also looks at what makes people stay friends for a long time as well as what qualities people look for in a friend.
- F This book is full of incredible animal stories. These real life stories show the kinds of skills animals have learnt in the wild and how these skills have helped them survive. The photos are fantastic too and show the animals at their best.
- G This is a dream book for anyone with a love for art and drawing people, animals or even landscapes. It is full of activities and advice to help you improve. There is plenty here for the beginner or for anyone who is already an expert.
- H This book tells the story of the diamond necklace that is stolen from an art gallery but the story is told through comic pictures rather than just words. This is an adventure story of how the hero finds the necklace and will keep you interested till the end.

Part 3
Questions 16 – 20

Read the text about a holiday in Scotland.
For each question, circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

Holiday in Scotland

Whether you enjoy a walk through the countryside, or climbing a mountain or swimming in the waves, Scotland is the perfect holiday spot. Well, I like all activities but most of all I enjoy visiting historic places.

I went to Scotland with my family last year. My parents had always wanted to go, and my sister and I didn't really mind. My grandparents didn't want to travel so far on the plane, so they stayed home with my baby brother.

We spent the first week in Edinburgh. We visited the castle and my sister loved the shops. I really liked seeing the one o'clock guns at the castle which they fire at the same time every day. We also got lost in the Old Town walking along the narrow streets. That was great fun for all of us. The most amazing thing was that my mother met an old friend, Susan, she hadn't seen since school. Susan had gone to university in Edinburgh to study history. She works as a guide and we saw her in the tourist office when we went in for maps.

Then the weather changed unfortunately. By the second afternoon my Dad decided to go and play golf in the rain anyway. My mother was happy reading but we started playing a board game which went on and on. Even golfing with Dad might have been more exciting.

In the second week, my Dad drove us to a nature reserve. We had to leave our bags and coats in special lockers near reception, then walk through underwater tunnels to see hundreds of different fish above us. We also saw sharks in a tank and even a whale. They asked my sister if she wanted to feed the whale; she was very excited. Now she has decided to work with sea animals when she grows up. I can't imagine her diving though, she hates getting her hair wet.

Example

0 According to the writer, what does he like doing best on holiday?

- A climbing
- B swimming
- C walking
- D sightseeing

16 The writer's grandparents didn't go to Scotland because

- A they didn't want to visit it.
- B they didn't like flying long distances.
- C they wanted to look after their grandson.
- D they needed to look after the house.

17 What did the family enjoy most in Edinburgh?

- A seeing the castle
- B walking around the old streets
- C watching the guns
- D doing some shopping

18 What kind of work does Susan do?

- A She works as a tourist guide.
- B She works in a school.
- C She works as a teacher at the university.
- D She works as a historian.

19 The writer didn't enjoy playing the board game because

- A he wanted to read a book instead.
- B he preferred to go out golfing.
- C the game went on for too long.
- D the weather stopped him from going out.

20 What did the writer have to do with his belongings at the nature reserve?

- A carry them with him
- B leave them at reception
- C keep them in a locker
- D wear them in the underwater tunnels

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Use*

[5 marks]

Part 4**Questions 21 – 30**

Read the text about the importance of sleep.

For questions **21 – 30**, complete the notes.

Use **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

The Importance of Sleep

We all know that having a good night's sleep is important for everyone, but did you know that healthy sleep can also help us to learn and remember things better? Sleep can also help us find the answer to problems that we have been thinking about for some time. The answer often comes to us when we first wake up.

In one study, people had to learn words in pairs during the day. Some were given rooms to sleep and others had to stay awake for 12 hours. They then had to take a test and results showed that those people who had slept could remember their words much better. So sleep can improve our memory. Sleep can also help us to remember things we have to learn to do. In a second study, people had to learn a series of actions they had to do with their fingers again and again, like playing the piano. Those people who then slept, could play much more accurately and didn't make any mistakes. So there is definite proof that we can improve after a healthy sleep.

But in many schools, teenagers often have problems staying awake during their morning lessons. Why is this? Our brains control the way our bodies work throughout the day. So at night for example, our hearts beat more slowly and our blood pressure is lower, and when the sun rises, our bodies wake up too. But our brain seems to work differently when we are a teenager. Many have the energy to stay up late at night and play computer games but can't get up and go to school on time. Those who regularly go to bed late, don't get enough sleep. However, sleep is essential for teenagers, they need more sleep than children and adults and generally get less than either.

When teenagers choose to stay up late, they don't give their bodies and their brains the chance to relax. Instead their brains are excited by the noise and bright lights of computer games. The result is that they can't concentrate as well during the day. So a school in England has decided to start the school day later, and changed the start time to 10am. And what do you think they found? More teenagers were coming in on time for their first lessons and staying awake during the day, and their grades have improved as a result.

Complete the notes below, using **ONE WORD** from the text for each gap.

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The Importance of Sleep

Example

Sleep can help us to:

- (0) remember information we have learnt already

Study 1:

- People learnt (21) _____ of words
- Those who slept did much better in the (22) _____
- Sleep can help the (23) _____

Study 2:

- People learnt to do some actions, like to play the (24) _____
- Those who slept made no (25) _____

Sleep and teenagers:

- At night, the (26) _____ beats slowly
- In the morning, the brain wakes the body up
- In general, teenagers need (27) _____ sleep
- Computer games don't allow the brain to (28) _____
- Lights and (29) _____ excite the brain
- Teenagers starting school at ten can have better (30) _____

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