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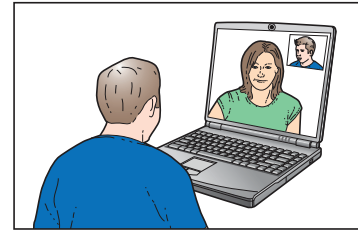
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Part 1a**Questions 1 – 5**

Read the text about schools and video conferencing.

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

**Video-conferencing in schools**

Many schools in the UK are _____ **(0)** _____ video-conferencing to help pupils learn about global issues. This approach involves schools setting up cultural links with other schools, either in the UK _____ **(1)** _____ with a school abroad. For example, some schools are doing a project in which video-conferencing _____ **(2)** _____ together students in classrooms in Spain and France as one way of developing language skills. Being able to talk and see other students in _____ **(3)** _____ own classroom helps to develop friendships. Pupils involved in the project _____ **(4)** _____ an understanding of the social and educational culture of students in other countries. During the video conference sessions they _____ **(5)** _____ ideas, activities and vocabulary and learn about the geography of the two countries. The technology brings learning to life!

Example

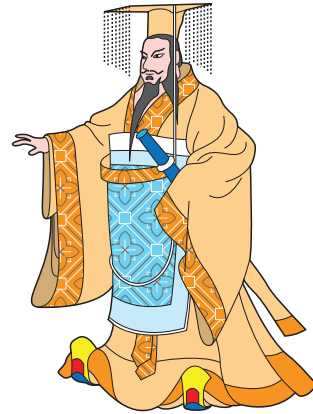
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| 5 | A | share | B | divide | C | part | D | give |

[5 marks]

Part 1b**Questions 6 – 10**

Read the text about an important person in Chinese history.

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

**Qin Shi Huang - The First Emperor of China**

Qin Shi Huang is one of the most (0) people in Chinese history. When he was born, over 2,200 years (6) , China was divided into separate states which were fighting with (7) other. Qin Shi Huang became king of one state at 13 years old. Later, after fighting many battles, he became the first emperor of China. He was a great emperor, (8) he was not always a kind one. He made laws for his people and introduced a single system of currency. He travelled all over his empire to (9) that people were following his laws. He wanted to live forever but he died at the (10) of 49. His body is guarded by an army of life-sized soldiers made of stone.

Example

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| 9 | A | make | B | cause | C | check | | D | look |
| 10 | A | age | B | year | C | point | | D | time |

[5 marks]

Part 2**Questions 11 – 15**

The people below all want to visit a museum.

On the opposite page there is information about different museums.

Decide which museum would be the most suitable for each person.

For Questions 11 – 15, write the correct letter (A – H) in each box.

There are two extra letters that you do not need to use.

Example

0



Paul is writing a novel set in the past, about a doctor and his wife. He wants to be sure that his descriptions of the clothes people wore at the time are accurate.

H

11



Fahad would like to buy something special for his wife for their wedding anniversary. She likes jewellery and wants something unusual and not too traditional.

12



Shaikha is particularly interested in details of ordinary life in the past, particularly the way that women spent their time at home in the days before most women had careers.

13



Mark likes science and technology and is hoping to be an engineer, but he is more interested in modern developments than in things which were used in the past.

14



Sabah and Abdulla are looking for ideas for furniture for the living room of their new apartment. They like things that are well-made, up-to-date and a bit different.

15



Nadia is studying history at university. She's doing research on how certain wild flowers were used in the past as a natural way to treat and cure illnesses.

[5 marks]

- A** The Natural History Museum has one of the most important collections of plants and animals in the world. Some of the animals displayed in the glass cases look as if they are alive! Don't forget to visit the shop where you can buy lots of great gifts.
- B** The Marling Collection contains a wide variety of objects related to health and sickness over the centuries including examples of traditional treatments using natural medicines from plants. The exhibition of medical instruments used for operations will make you glad to be living in the modern age!
- C** The Design Museum has industrial and household objects featuring the best of 20th and 21st century design. Don't miss the exhibition of sofas by Swedish designer Per Jansson. If you like traditional design, they won't be for you, but their unusual shapes and colours certainly make them a talking point.
- D** You might expect the Museum of Transport would be about historic sailing ships, or the very first cars. But in fact the exhibitions here are much more forward looking and include a special display about the Japanese bullet trains, which today can travel at up to 300km/h.
- E** The Museum of Modern Art has a fine collection of paintings from 1890 onwards. There is also an exhibition of the latest work of Carla Romissandro, with original designs for small objects made from silver. Her earrings are available at the museum shop, together with a selection of art books.
- F** The building which contains the Museum of Traditional Culture was once an old hospital. It contains a wonderful collection of the basic equipment that ordinary people used for cooking, cleaning and mending clothes as well as the furniture they had in their houses and the games their children played.
- G** This year the Museum of Science celebrates its hundredth anniversary. This will be celebrated by demonstrations of scientific experiments that have changed the way we lived in the past five hundred years. A new gallery showing the latest in space technology is due to open next year.
- H** If you're interested in seeing the things that people wore in the past, then visit the Museum of Fashion. This has a collection of women's dresses, some hundreds of years old, and examples of men's trousers and coats showing how designs have changed over the centuries.

Part 3**Questions 16 – 20**

Read the text about a woman called Barbara Johnson.

For each question, circle the correct answer **A, B, C** or **D**.

The Secret Rich

At the age of 26, just after setting up her own business and meeting the man that she would finally marry, Barbara Johnson went blind. As a child she had regularly visited an eye hospital and had always known that one day she would go blind.

These days, she can't go anywhere unfamiliar by herself and depends on her family a lot. 'I'm lucky to have them,' she says. 'Without them my life would be rubbish.' But, despite this, she doesn't think of herself as a blind person: she doesn't have a guide dog to help her find her way around, none of her friends are blind and until recently, she'd never met a blind person.

What's Barbara's life like? She's married, has a daughter and a growing marketing business, which is so successful, she is now extremely rich. She feels part of her success is thanks to abilities she's developed since she went blind – a good voice and a good listening ear. Listening is something many people don't do enough in this busy, modern world but is important in building relationships with customers.

Interested in trying to give others the same opportunities that she has had, Johnson recently took part in a TV programme, *The Secret Rich*, where rich people decide who they can benefit most by giving them money, from ordinary people to organisers of projects; in Johnson's case, projects for blind people, including recording a weekly newspaper for people to listen to.

The word *Secret* in the programme name is because only the programme's producers knew how rich Johnson really was. Playing a blind mother, hoping to move to London, she talked to organisations and people who help blind people, offering her services.

After many long weeks, she finally decided who to give her money to. 'It was difficult to choose,' she said, 'because they were all special people who I'd got to know really well. But I was delighted to find out some time later what a difference my money had made.'

Example

0 When Barbara Johnson went blind, she was

- A a child.
- B married.
- C** a businesswoman.
- D in hospital.

16 What does Barbara say gives her the most support in her life?

- A other blind people
- B her family
- C her friends
- D her guide dog

17 What does Barbara feel has helped her business grow?

- A She has useful personal skills.
- B She started her business at the right time.
- C She knew a lot of her customers before she started.
- D She makes sure that she keeps her business up to date.

18 Barbara decided to take part in the programme because

- A she thought it would be interesting to be on TV.
- B the organiser of a project had asked for her help.
- C she had seen an advertisement in a newspaper.
- D she wanted to help other people.

19 In the TV programme, Barbara told people she met that she

- A wanted to help them.
- B needed information about their services.
- C needed help for her daughter.
- D had a secret fear of living in London.

20 After the programme was made, Barbara felt

- A worried.
- B tired.
- C pleased.
- D popular.

[5 marks]



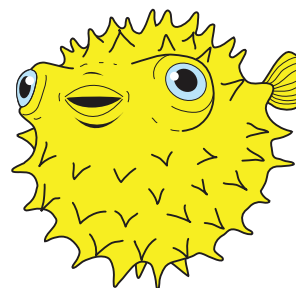
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Part 4**Questions 21 – 30**

Read the text about puffer fish.

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

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



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Puffer Fish

Puffer fish are unusual fish in many ways. They vary in size, but can be up to one metre in length. There are more than 150 different types of puffer fish and they are found in many different parts of the world. A few live in fresh-water rivers and lakes but the majority are found in the sea, in areas such as the Pacific and the Indian Ocean. They have a long body, with a round head. In their mouth they have two top and two bottom teeth. The pairs of teeth are joined together which makes them very strong. They mostly eat small sea creatures.

Puffers all have one thing in common – to protect themselves from their enemies, they are able to fill their stomachs with huge amounts of water, and sometimes air as well. In this way, they can make their bodies into a ball several times their normal size. This often makes their enemies too frightened to attack them. When the danger has passed, the puffer fish go back to their normal size and shape again.

The majority of fish avoid eating puffers because they don't have a very good taste. If another fish does eat a puffer, that fish may get sick and even die. Because of this, they have few enemies in the sea. Even large creatures, such as dolphins, leave them alone. The only fish that can eat a puffer without problems is the shark. If a fisherman catches a puffer fish, he should wear gloves so that the puffer fish does not hurt him.

People may be poisoned if they eat puffer fish. However, in Japan, where they are called 'fugu', people do eat them, although they are an expensive luxury. Because the fish are so dangerous, they are prepared only in special restaurants. Most puffers are caught in spring and then kept in floating cages until winter. By then they are fat, and so this is the best time to eat them. The cook has to know which parts of the fish are safe to eat and which are dangerous. In order to do this he is carefully trained. After practising for three years, he takes a practical examination in which he has to cut up the fish and then eat it himself. Even so, sometimes there are accidents, but now with modern medical treatment eating puffer fish is not so dangerous as it used to be.

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

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PUFFER FISH

General description

Example

- Length: up to (0) one metre long
- 150 types: most live in the (21) _____
- Body: long
- Head: round, with strong (22) _____
- Food: small sea creatures

Protection from enemies

- Can use water or (23) _____ to make themselves the shape of a ball
- Most other fish don't like the (24) _____ of puffers
- Type of fish that can eat puffers (25) _____
- Fishermen must use (26) _____ to protect themselves

Can people eat puffer fish?

- Eaten in Japan ('fugu') – a luxury, but they are (27) _____ and very dangerous
- Best time to eat them is in the (28) _____
- The cook must be properly (29) _____ and has to do a special (30) _____ during which he prepares and eats the fish.

[10 marks]



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