

ENGLISH A2

READING COMPREHENSION

Duration: 50 minutes

READING COMPREHENSION PART 1

PART 1 (7 x 0.8 = 5.6 marks)

You are given five images, and three sentences related to each image. For questions 1-7 decide which sentence corresponds best to the information given in the image.

Question 1



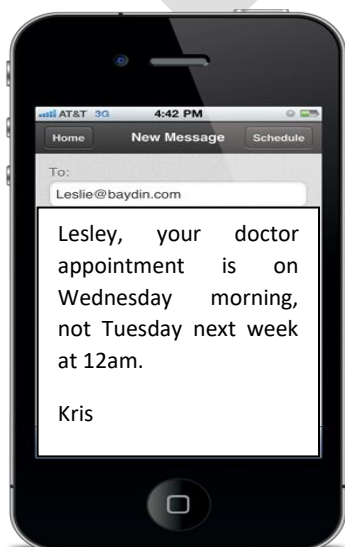
- A) Everybody can access through this entrance.
- B) Only zoo workers can enter.
- C) Zoo staff has to follow the signs.

Question 2



- A) The street is closed on Monday at 3.
- B) The works will last for three days.
- C) Works will finish on Monday.

Question 3



Lesley's appointment...

- A) is one day after.
- B) is Tuesday next week.
- C) will be at a different time.

Question 4



- A) A new sweet shop will open soon.
- B) The shop is out of the hotel.
- C) You can buy sweets next to the hotel.

Question 5



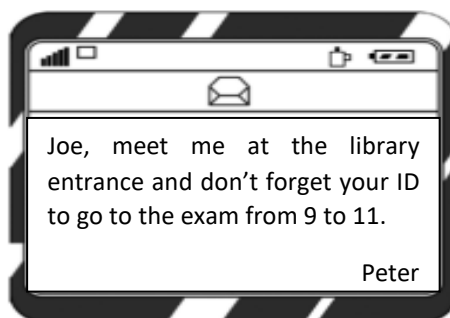
- A) The bicycle comes with an extra accessory.
- B) The bike is perfect for users over 10.
- C) You have to pay for the helmet separately.

Question 6



- A) It should be used with water.
- B) Keep it away from water.
- C) Only to use in dry places.

Question 7



- A) The library is open only 2 hours.
- B) Show your ID to access the library.
- C) Your ID is necessary for the test.

READING COMPREHENSION PART 2
 PART ONE (6 x 0.8 mark = 4.8 marks)

Read the interview with Dr Joanna Paul, a small animal Australian vet and Blogger from Melbourne, Australia. **Read the answers (8-13), and decide which question (A – H) matches best. There are two extra questions you do not need to use. Write your answers in the BOXES after the text.**

QUESTIONS

- A. By what age did you want to become a vet?
- B. How would you describe what you do?
- C. What do you dislike?
- D. What do you like about what you do?
- E. What is a typical day for Dr Jo as a veterinarian?
- F. What is most challenging about what you do?
- G. What made you want to become veterinarian?
- H. Who was your biggest influence in you becoming a veterinarian?

ANSWERS

8. Although I'm lucky enough not to see it often, the thing I hate most is neglect. Most people who bring their pet into a vet clinic have their best interests at heart, but occasionally I see things that make me feel very sad.

9. Certainly my wonderful, supportive parents always had faith in my abilities and encouraged me to follow my dreams. Then there was my uncle Doug, the country vet who showed me what it was really like.

10. I do a few hours of surgery most days. Some days I eat lunch. Some days I don't. I spend my time at work practicing medicine, surgery, radiology, dentistry, laboratory work, nutrition... One thing I can say about being a vet is that it's not boring!

11. I love the special relationships people have with their pets. Pets enrich our lives in so many ways, being there for us through the good times and the bad.

12. Throughout my childhood I was lucky enough to spend a lot of time on my grandparent's dairy farm. I always had a special affinity with the animals.

13. Veterinary medicine is just as much about prevention as treatment, and I see preventing disease or injury as just as important a part of my job as treatment. Our job involves working with pet owners just as much (or maybe more so) as it involves their pets.

(Source: <https://www.mypetwarehouse.com.au/my-pet-blog/expert-pet-advice/interview-with-a-veterinarian> - adapted-.)

Write your answers here:

Answer	8	9	10	11	12	13
Question						

READING COMPREHENSION PART 3

PART THREE (6 x 0.8 mark = 4.8 marks)

You are going to read some short news items from different sources. Choose the most suitable heading (what is the news about?) from the list (14 – 19). Match each heading (14-19) with the piece of news (A-H) it best relates to. There are two extra news.

NEWS

A. Popular in the late 80's, these girls had some great songs in their time (Walk Like An Egyptian, Manic Monday, Eternal Flame, Hazy Shade of Winter). Many of which still can be heard on radio ...

B. Polar bears are among the largest members of the bear family. Their white coat is actually composed of hairs that reflect sunlight, producing a whitish/yellow camouflage in their Arctic habitat. Under the snowy coat is black skin, which helps them retain heat from sunlight. These wonderful animals of the artic are in danger of extinction.

C. So what would it take for humans to reach the stars within a lifetime? For a start, we would need a spacecraft that can rush through the cosmos at close to the speed of light.

D. Spanish house prices are starting to stabilise and now is the time to buy, says the Ministry of Housing. Other sources say house prices are still going down

E. A combination of coffee drinking and regular exercise may help to lower the risk of developing skin cancer, according to US scientists.

F. Milan Week show is an event that lasts for around one week where members of the Press and Buyers can view fashion design collections for following seasons. They usually take place twice a year: once for Spring–Summer and once for Autumn–Winter.

G. "It was nice to get back on the pitch last Saturday after four weeks away from first-team action. I was out injured for a fortnight and then we had the two-week international break. I was really pleased to complete 90 minutes at Ipswich and I felt stronger, more comfortable and more confident as the match, which could have gone either way, went on."

H. Keith Jubah was shot repeatedly on Sunday night outside his house, 60km (37 miles) from the capital, Monrovia. One of Mr Jubah's relatives, who did not want to be named in case he was identified by the killers, told the BBC. The killing took place in the Morris Farm Community.

HEADINGS

14. MUSIC

15. ECONOMY

16. FASHION

17. SPORTS

18. NATURE

19. HEALTH

(Taken and adapted from different sources)

ANSWERS

Heading	14	15	16	17	18	19
Piece of news						

READING COMPREHENSION PART 4

PART FOUR (6 x 0.8 mark = 4.8 marks)

You are going to read a text about Bessie Smith. For questions 20-25 choose the best option a, b or c, as in the example (0- a).

BESSIE SMITH, THE EMPRESS OF THE BLUES

Bessie Smith (July 9, 1892 or April 15, 1894 – September 26, 1937) was an American blues singer. She was sometimes called "The Empress of the Blues" and was very popular in the 1920s and 1930s. A lot of people think that she was one of the best singers of her time, and along with Louis Armstrong, she was an important influence on later jazz singers.

Supposedly, Bessie was born April 15, 1894. By the time she was nine, his father had left home and her mother had died, so her older sister Viola had to look after for her sisters and brothers. To earn money for their poor family, Smith and her brother Andrew began performing on the streets of Chattanooga as a duo. She sang and danced, and he accompanied her on guitar.

By the early 1920s, Smith starred a musical called *How Come?* with Sidney Bechet. The musical went to Broadway. At about that time she met and fell in love with a security guard called Jack Gee. They got married on June 7, 1923. About then, Smith made her first song recordings with Columbia Records. Her marriage became difficult.

In the 1920s, the recording industry realized that there were lots of black people who would buy blues records. Smith was signed by Columbia Records in 1923. Later she became the highest-paid black entertainer of her day. Somebody from Columbia Records gave her a nickname, "Queen of the Blues". Soon, the press was calling her the "Empress of the Blues".

On September 26, 1937, Smith was seriously injured in a car accident while traveling between Memphis, Tennessee, and Clarksdale, Mississippi. They took her to a white-people's hospital, where she died.

QUESTIONS:

- 20. When was she most famous?**
 a. In the 1890s.
 b. In the 1920s and 30s.
 c. In the 1950s.
- 21. When she was nine...**
 a. her father helped the family.
 b. her mother worked as a musician.
 c. one of her sisters took care of the family.
- 22. In her first performances in Chattanooga, Bessie...**
 a. danced in clubs.
 b. danced in the streets.
 c. played the guitar.
- 23. When did she record her first song?**
 a. Around 1923.
 b. In 1920.
 c. In 1925.
- 24. Which company did she record for?**
 a. A black record label.
 b. Columbia Records.
 c. How Come.
- 25. Where was she travelling when she had the crash?**
 a. Between Tennessee and Mississippi.
 b. In Canada.
 c. She was going to a hospital.

ANSWERS

Answer	20	21	22	23	24	25
Question						

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Answer	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Question	B	B	A	B	A	B	C

READING PART 2

Answer	8	9	10	11	12	13
Question	C	H	E	D	G	B

READING PART 3

Heading	14	15	16	17	18	19
Piece of news	A	D	F	G	B	E

READING PART 4

Answer	20	21	22	23	24	25
Question	B	C	B	A	B	A

LISTENING- Part 1 (Drawings)

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Answer	C	C	A	B	A	C	A

LISTENING-Part 2 (abc)

8.B 9.A 10.A 11.C 12.B 13.B

LISTENING -Part 3 (M atching)

KEY

EXTRACTS	14	15	16	17	18	19
Heading	<i>E</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>C</i>

LISTENING- Part 4 (Matching)

KEY

EXTRACTS	20	21	22	23	24	25
Heading	<i>A</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>B</i>