

READING COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

TASK 1

Match the headlines (A-H) with the paragraphs (1-6). There is ONE headline you do not need to use. Q is the example. (6 marks)

PLACES TO GO THIS SUMMER

- A. Calendar Museum
- B. Country Life Museum
- C. Coventry Transport Museum
- D. Drayton Manner-0 (Example)**
- E. Science Museum
- F. Stratford Butterfly Farm
- G. National Sea-Life Centre
- H. Warwick Castle

0. One of the UK's most popular attractions. The park is home to some of the scariest rides you'll find like Storm Force 10 and Apocalypse, which has been voted the UK's most frightening ride. **D (Example)**

1. The biggest exhibition in Europe. Don't worry about the weather. Come and see these beautiful insects as they would live in their natural environment. Walk around a tropical rainforest and see them fly freely around you. And don't forget to visit the Insect City, where you can view huge spiders and our own scorpion colony!

2. You wouldn't expect to encounter a hammerhead shark in your visit in Brum city centre. But yes, it's true; it is the only aquarium in the UK where you can see this creature together with our Sea Dragons from Australia and baby crocodiles from the Amazon. We guarantee an experience you'll never forget.

3. A day out here will give you the chance to see some of the earliest motor cars as well as more modern vehicles like the DeLorean 'Back to The Future' car. You can also design your own car and experience what breaking the sound barrier at 763 miles an hour feels like.

4. Considered by many people as Britain's greatest Medieval Building. Visit the exhibitions, climb the towers, relax as you walk around the gardens, designed and created in 1753. Experience the preparations for battle in the Kingmaker Exhibition or see a Victorian Royal Weekend.

5. You will find four floors of practical exhibits and collections that will impress you, showing you things like how machines or how computers work. You can also learn about the space and the planets.

6. It is one of Britain's friendliest open-air museums. Come to this museum and discover a traditional English village by the canal. Look around original old-time shops and houses, see how you feel down a mine and take a ride on an old horse-tram.

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TASK 2

Fill the gaps (1-8) in the following text using the words in the bank below. There are TWO words you do not need to use. 0 is the example. (8 marks)

THE GECKOS

My grandparents live in Florida. (0) We (Example) spend most holidays at their house. And, while there, _____(1)_____ favourite activity is to sit by the pool. I say "sit" because I _____(2)_____ swim. Instead, I watch my favourite animal run around the patio. That would be the gecko.

Geckos _____(3)_____ in most warm climates in North America. They are small lizards _____(4)_____ live in nature and also near people. When I say they are small, I really mean they are tiny. The biggest one I _____(5)_____ ever seen was about ten inches long. However, the book I read on geckos claims they _____(6)_____ get to be 60 centimetres long. Most, though, are just a few inches long.

More interesting still is their climbing ability. They are some of the _____(7)_____ climbers in the world. And they can stick to most surfaces.

Most people are happy to live with geckos _____(8)_____ they eat mosquitoes. My grandparents certainly feel this way. Their patio is covered in geckos, and they do not do anything to change that fact.

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TASK 3

Read the text and for questions (1-6) choose the correct option a), b) or c). 0 is the example. (6 marks)

BATS IN THE WILD

Are you afraid of bats? Well, imagine two million bats flying over your head! That's what you'll see if you visit the Old Tunnel just outside Fredericksburg, Texas. You'll find it in a wildlife area some 24 kilometres south of Fredericksburg. The place covers about 16 acres of beautiful countryside and includes a wonderful nature road which is open all the year round. You can spend your days hiking and birdwatching, or learning about the plants and history of the zone with a local guide. But the real attraction is the bats, so go to the observatory deck just outside the Old Tunnel about an hour before the sun sets. You'll see a few circling bats near the entrance, then suddenly the sky will get dark when the bats come out of the tunnel. It takes over an hour for the bats to emerge! It's like a movie scene; in fact, spectators open their mouths in surprise. According to Park Ranger Ian Parsons, "That old idea about bats flying into a person's hair is just a myth. Their radar systems are so precise, that they can 'see' perfectly well."

0. Fredericksburg is in ...

- a) Europe.
- b) Texas. (Example)**
- c) the wildlife area.

1. The Old Tunnel is ...

- a) in a beautiful town.
- b) in Fredericksburg.
- c) near Fredericksburg.

2. You can visit the wildlife area ...
- a) from January to December.
 - b) only at night.
 - c) only with a local guide.
3. At the wildlife area you can ...
- a) observe birds.
 - b) see a film.
 - c) touch a bat.
4. The main interest of the site is ...
- a) the bats.
 - b) the observatory deck.
 - c) the sunset.
5. Bats don't fly into people's hair ...
- a) because they are not real bats.
 - b) if spectators don't move.
 - c) thanks to their radar systems.
6. The text is about ...
- a) a wildlife area.
 - b) Fredericksburg.
 - c) people who are afraid of bats.

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