

**LISTENING**  
**Time: 15 minutes**

**Task 1**

**For Questions 1-8 you will hear a man talking to a travel agent. Before you listen, read through the list of statements below. As you listen, decide whether each statement is true (T) or false (F).**

1. Mr Petrov is keen on having an eco-holiday.
2. He plans to go for three weeks.
3. Mr Petrov is not prepared to pay more than 750.
4. One can have a discount if he pays in advance.
5. Mr Petrov wants to buy travel insurance.
6. He is a meat-eater.
7. Mr Petrov is from Moscow.
8. He may need a visa to visit some of the places.

**Task 2**

**For questions 9-15 you will hear a woman talking about the places she has visited. While you listen, complete the notes she made by writing suitable adjectives for each of the gaps. The first one has been done for you as an example.**

***Tennyson Down***

- ) large steep hill
- ) 9 views
- ) 10 stone column
- ) a few years ago
- ) family
- ) walked
- ) 11 sunny day
- ) 12 weather
- ) ate picnic
- ) visited the neddles - 13 rocks
- ) 14 area
- ) good exercise
- ) 15 air

**TRANSFER YOUR ANSWERS TO THE ANSWER SHEET!**

## READING

Time: 15 minutes

You are going to read an article by an actress called Josie Lawrence, in which she writes about her holidays. For Questions 1-10, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

Mark your answers on the answer sheet.

### MY HOLIDAYS

On New Year's Eve a few years ago, I decided to go skiing for the first time with two friends. They are the complete opposite of me in that they're really brave and fearless - they've been skiing and diving all their lives, whereas I'm a bit of a coward. Surprisingly, however, I enjoyed *it* very much and the second time we went I felt much more confident and decided to move away from skiing on the nursery slopes. I was doing really well and skiing down quite a steep slope when I heard one of my friends say 'Wow, Josie, you're moving fast!' I thought 'Yes, I am, aren't I - but how do stop?' Suddenly all my confidence left me and I fell very badly. I didn't break anything but I twisted my knee. The rest of the holiday was spent sitting on top of the mountain, looking after everybody's bags and coats. 4

If I'm honest, I prefer going somewhere hot and sunny for a holiday. I love going to Thailand, for example, and staying in one of the beautiful resorts on the coast. The people are extremely friendly and in one hotel we stayed at we got to know the chef quite well and he would take us round the market with him. And one of the waiters took us to visit his uncle who owns a coconut farm. It's only in ways like this that you begin *to get a feel for* the country and its people, as these kinds of opportunities are not available for the average tourist. 18

I'm not a rough-it kind of person: I did enough of that when I was younger. The trouble with me is that I have a genuine problem with mosquitoes - they absolutely adore me! If I get bitten, the bites turn into mini-balloons all over my body. Once when we were travelling by jeep during the monsoon season, the rain was so heavy that we stopped in a village. A young Thai boy noticed this huge bite on my arm, which was going a funny colour, and looked as if it might be infected. He picked some leaves off a tree and made a mixture of them using some salt and a little alcohol and then rubbed the mixture into my arm. You could see the infection disappear: it was amazing, it was like letting the air out of a balloon.

Generally, after I've finished a run of performances in a play, I feel exhausted. Pleasantly exhausted, but not too weary to escape! All I want to do is find a hotel with a fantastic view, a beach, a good book and a mosquito net. My needs are very simple, really, and I just want the opportunity to refresh myself. Sometimes I might consider a

holiday in a completely different environment, like visiting a friend in a country cottage or staying in a small bed and breakfast place and walking in the surrounding hills. It's good for my soul.

1. How did Josie feel about going away with her friends for the first time?

- A very surprised
- B rather afraid
- C not bothered
- D really terrified

2. What does 'it' in line 4 refer to?

- A New Year's Eve
- B diving
- C skiing
- D being a coward

3 How did Josie feel about her second holiday?

- A really eager
- B sure of herself
- C rather surprised
- D horrible

4 How was Josie's confidence destroyed?

- A She broke her leg.
- B She started to think.
- C Her friend embarrassed her.
- D Her friend criticised her.

5. What does 'to get a feel for' in lines 18/19 mean?

- A to experience
- B to develop
- C to visit
- D to understand

6. What personal problem does Josie mention?

- A She hates mosquitoes.
- B She enjoys travelling by jeep.
- C She prefers living rough.
- D She dislikes very bad weather.

7. What effect did the mixture have on Josie's arm?

- A It changed colour.
- B It became better.
- C It became infectious.
- D It turned into a balloon.

8. How does Josie feel when a play finishes?

- A completely worn out

- B desperate to get away
- C pleased that she's free
- D very tired but satisfied

9. What does Josie mainly want from a holiday?

- A the chance to her build up her energy
- B the chance to visit somewhere fresh
- C the possibility of relaxing on a beach
- D the opportunity to stay with friends

10 What kind of person is Josie?

- A choosy
- B rough
- C easy to please
- D confident

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### USE OF ENGLISH

**Time: 10 min**

*For questions 1-10 complete the sentences below with the words in the box. There are three words which do not fit into any of the gaps.*

celebrity    functional    boring    information    performance    decorative  
 repair    modern    retire    research    produced    preserve    bored

- 1 This jumper has a very big hole in it and you won't be able to.....it.
- 2 During her fashion course, she compared.....clothes with clothes from the past.
- 3 The best way to.....these clothes is to keep them out of the light.
- 4 These clothes are all.....by hand and that's why they take a long time to make.
- 5 She always wanted to be famous and attract attention from the media, so she was very happy when she became a.....
- 6 These clothes are very.....and can be worn both for work and social occasions.
- 7 He gave a wonderful.....in the film and the critics said he was a brilliant actor.
- 8 The clothes made by this company have a.....design on the front of them.
- 9 According to .....the number of overweight people is growing.
- 10 The conversation was extremely ..... and I stopped listening.

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## WRITING

**Time: 20 min**

Last year your class participated in the work of the English-speaking Club at your school. You have recently received the following letter from the manager of the Club.

*...I am writing to all members of the English-speaking Club to thank you for your participation over the last year. We want to make our work even better this year! Please send a short report to us, telling us what you think are the best and worst aspects of the club. We also want to hear your ideas about the new events...*

**Write your report to the manager of the club (around 90-100 words).**

Do not forget to:

- make an introduction
  - give your opinion about the best and the worst aspects of the club
  - draw a conclusion
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