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Reading Comprehension _____ / 30

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Reading comprehension

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Time limit 30 minutes

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THE ARMADA

Conflict had existed between Spain and England since the 1570s. England wanted a share of the wealth that Spain had been taking from the lands it had claimed in the Americas.

Elizabeth I, Queen of England, **encouraged** her staunch admiral of the navy, Sir Francis Drake, to **raid** Spanish ships and towns. Though these raids were on a small scale, Drake achieved dramatic success, adding gold and silver to England's treasury and diminishing Spain's omnipotence.

Religious differences also caused conflict between the two countries. Whereas Spain was Roman Catholic, most of England had become Protestant. King Philip II of Spain wanted to claim the throne and make England a Catholic country again. To satisfy his ambition and also to retaliate against England's theft of his gold and silver, King Philip began to build his fleet of warships, the Armada, in January 1586.

Philip intended his fleet to be indestructible. In addition to building new warships, he marshaled one hundred and thirty sailing **vessels** of all types and recruited more than nineteen thousand robust soldiers and eight thousand sailors. Although some of his ships lacked guns and others lacked ammunition, Philip was convinced that his Armada could **withstand** any battle with England



The martial Armada set sail from Lisbon, Portugal, on May 9, 1588, but bad weather forced it back to port. The voyage **resumed** on July 22 after the weather became more stable.

The Spanish fleet met the smaller, faster, and more maneuverable English ships in battle off the coast of Plymouth, England, first on July 31 and again on August 2. The two battles left Spain **vulnerable**, having lost several ships and with its ammunition **depleted**. On August 7, while the Armada lay at anchor on the French side of the Strait of Dover, England sent eight burning ships into the midst of the Spanish fleet to set it on fire. Blocked on one side, the Spanish ships could only drift away, their crews in panic and disorder. Before the Armada could regroup, the English attacked again on August 8.

Although the Spaniards made a **valiant** effort to fight back, the fleet suffered extensive damage. During the eight hours of battle, the Armada drifted **perilously** close to the rocky coastline. At the moment when it seemed that the Spanish ships would be driven onto the English shore, the wind shifted, and the Armada drifted out into the North Sea. The Spaniards recognized the superiority of the English fleet and returned home, defeated.

1. Answer the questions based on the text.

- a) Give two reasons for conflict between England and Spain.

- b) What was King Philip's ambition?

- c) What was the Spanish fleet built of?

- d) When did the first voyage begin?

- e) What were the English ships like?

- f) How many battles were there? Where and when?

g) Where did the Spanish Armada find itself after the last battle?

2 points for each correct answer

TOTAL: ____/14

2. Match the words and their meanings.

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|------------|---|
| ENCOURAGE | a) a watercraft bigger than a rowboat |
| RAID | b) to resist successfully |
| VESSELS | c) to return to or begin again after interruption |
| WITHSTAND | d) dangerously |
| RESUME | e) to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope |
| VULNERABLE | f) to lessen markedly in quantity, content, power |
| DEplete | g) a surprise attack by a small force |
| PERILOUSLY | h) open to attack or damage |

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ____/8

3. Write whether the sentences are *TRUE* or *FALSE*.

- a) The conflict between Spain and England started in the 17th century.
- b) Spain was Roman –Catholic while England was Protestant.
- c) King Philip II started building his fleet to attack England because England wanted to make Spain Protestant.
- d) Spanish ships had a lot of weapons and ammunition.
- e) The Spanish King was certain he could beat the English.
- f) The Spanish Armada set sail from Portugal in bad weather.
- g) The English drove the Spanish onto the English shore.
- h) The Spanish King admitted that the English were superior.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ____/8

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Use of English

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1. *Put the verbs in brackets into the Present Simple or the Present Continuous Tense.*

1. James _____(live) in a little village.
2. He _____(be) in his last year at school.
3. After school, James _____(want) to become a banker.
4. So this week, he _____(do) a practical course in a bank.
5. There _____(be) a bank in a nearby town, but James has to take the bus to get there.
6. The bus _____(leave) at 5.30 in the morning and _____(return) at 8.15 in the evening.
7. James _____(not like) to spend so much time in town before and after work, waiting for the bus.
8. Therefore, this week he _____(stay) with his aunt, who _____(live) in town.
9. James usually _____(wear) jeans and t-shirts, but while he _____(work) for the bank now, he _____(wear) a suit and a tie.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ____/13

2. *Fill in a/an, the or nothing (-) into the gaps.*

1. There aren't any interesting films on ____ TV tonight.
2. Is there anyone from ____ Germany in here?
3. There isn't enough ____ snow to go skiing.
4. How many planets are there in our ____ solar system?
5. Is there any water in ____ glass?
6. There is a lot of rain in ____ winter.
7. There is a big black cloud in ____ sky.
8. How many ____ tall players are there in your team?
9. There aren't any ____ serious problems.
10. Is there ____ good-looking man in your club?
11. How many small apples are there in ____ this bag?
12. There is ____ famous university in Oxford.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ____/12

3. Complete the sentences using the Past Simple or the Past Continuous.

1. I _____ (fall) when I _____ (cross) the road.
2. I _____ (drop) my bag when I _____ (board) the plane.
3. He _____ (get) wet while he _____ (walk) in the rain.
4. While the maid _____ (clean) the room a skeleton _____ (fall) out of the cupboard.
5. As soon as he _____ (get) under the shower, the doorbell _____ (ring).
6. They _____ (slip) and _____ (fall) while they _____ (climb) the mountain.
7. While I _____ (sightsee) in London I _____ (hide) my money in my socks.
8. When she _____ (have) lunch a waiter _____ (drop) a plate of soup in her lap.
9. As it _____ (rain) their mother _____ (cancel) the picnic.
10. When he _____ (cycle) downhill, the brakes _____ (fail) and he only _____ (avoid) a serious accident by steering into a friendly rhododendron bush.

½ point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/11

4. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. If you _____ (arrive) early, you _____ (have) to wait.
2. They _____ (help) you if they _____ (can).
3. If you _____ (drink) too much you _____ (be) sick.
4. If he _____ (not work) hard he _____ (not pass) the test.
5. If she _____ (stop) smoking she _____ (live) longer.
6. _____ (practise) hard and your English _____ (improve).
7. If we _____ (run), you _____ (catch) the train.
8. If she _____ (not finish) the report in time, we _____ (lose) the deal.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ____/16

5. Complete the sentences using *WILL* or *BE GOING TO*.

1. I have a terrible headache. Have you? I _____(get) an aspirin for you
2. What are you doing next summer? I _____(visit) some friends in England
3. Did you buy some bread? Oh, I completely forgot. I _____(buy) it now
4. If she gets this new job she _____(move) to Madrid
5. Why are you waiting for Ann? Because we _____(watch) a football match
6. I don't think Real Madrid _____(win) the league next year
7. My boyfriend _____(work) in a restaurant in summer
8. Stop playing with the ball! You _____(break) a window
9. Look at those boys on the bike! They _____(crash).
10. I _____(phone) you by ten if I finish doing the exercises

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/10

6. Put the verbs in brackets into their passive form.

1. We _____(visit) by our old teacher every day.
2. The new shopping centre _____(build) last year.
3. The last Steven Spielberg film _____(not produce) in Hollywood.
4. The jewels _____(stole) by a group of skilled thieves.
5. Don Quixote _____(write) about 400 years ago.
6. All rooms at the motel _____(equip) with refrigerators.
7. The rooms _____(clean) every day.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/7

7. Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. London is the _____(big) city in Great Britain.
2. The London underground, the tube, is the _____(old) underground in the world.
3. The Tower of London is one of the _____(famous) London sights.
4. Another sight is the London Eye. With its 135 metres, it is _____(tall) than any other big wheel in the world.
5. Los Angeles is _____(good) than Chicago.
6. But New York is the _____(crazy) city of the United States.
7. Nestor Studios is the _____(old) movie company in Hollywood.
8. Disneyland is _____(interesting) than any other amusement park.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/8

8. Put the verbs into the correct tense (simple past or present perfect simple).

1. A: _____ you already _____ (play) the new computer game?
2. B: No, not yet. I only _____ (buy) it yesterday and I _____ (not have) the time yet.
3. A: _____ you _____ (go) to the cinema last night?
4. B: Yes. I _____ (be) there with Sue and Louis. _____ you _____ (be) to the cinema recently?
5. A: I last _____ (go) to the cinema two weeks ago.
6. B: So you _____ (not see) the new action film yet.
7. A: No, unfortunately not. _____ you _____ (enjoy) it?
8. B: Oh, I really _____ (love) it. But Sue _____ (not like) it - too much action!
9. A: But why _____ you _____ (take) her with you? She _____ (tell) me last week that she _____ (hate) action films.
10. B: I think she has an eye on Louis. She _____ (try) to flirt with him all the time. So he could not concentrate on the film.

1 point for each correct answer

TOTAL: ___/15

9. Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1. Sarah goes to work on bus.
2. You shouldn't believe everything you read at magazines.
3. We are having a party at Friday night.
4. My parents rarely go away in the weekend.
5. Go to bed early tonight. We have to get up at 6 at the morning to go to the airport.
6. Do you want to go to the theatre that evening?
7. How many money do you need for your next project?
8. We haven't got no toothpaste.

1 point for each correct answer

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Reading Comprehension
KEY

1. Suggested answers

- a) England wanted a share of the wealth that Spain had been taking from the lands it had claimed in the Americas. Religious differences also caused conflict between the two countries. Whereas Spain was Roman Catholic, most of England had become Protestant.
- b) To take the English throne, make England Catholic again and retaliate against England's theft of his gold and silver.
- c) New warships, one hundred and thirty sailing vessels of all types and nineteen thousand robust soldiers and eight thousand sailors.
- d) The martial Armada set sail from Lisbon, Portugal, on May 9, 1588.
- e) Small, fast, maneuverable.
- f) Two. Plymouth, England, first on July 31 and again on August 2.
- g) The North Sea

2. Match the words and their meanings.

ENCOURAGE-e
RAID- g
VESSELS-a
WITHSTAND-b
RESUME-c
VULNERABLE-h
DEplete-f
PERILOUSLY-d

3. F-T-F-F-T-T-F-T

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Use of English
KEY

1. lives; is; wants; is doing; is; leaves; returns ;does not like; is staying; lives; wears; is working; is wearing
2. --;--;--;--;the;--;the;--;--;a; --;a
3. fell-was crossing; dropped-was boarding; got-was walking; was cleaning-fell; got-rang; slipped-fell-were climbing; was sightseeing-hid; was having-dropped; was raining-cancelled; was cycling-failed-avoided
4. arrive-will have; will help-can; drink-will be; doesn't work-won't pass; stops-will live; practise-will improve; run-will catch;doesn't finish-will lose
5. I'll; am going to visit; 'll buy; will move; are going to watch; will win; is going to work; will break; are going to crash; will phone
6. are visited; was built; wasn't produced; were stolen; was written; are equipped; are cleaned
7. biggest; oldest; most famous; taller; better; craziest; oldest; more interesting
8. Have you already played; bought ;have not had ;Did you go; was ;Have you been; went ; have not seen; Did you enjoy; loved; did not like; did you take; told; hated; tried
9. by bus; in magazines; on Friday night; at the weekend; in the morning; this evening; how much money; any toothpaste