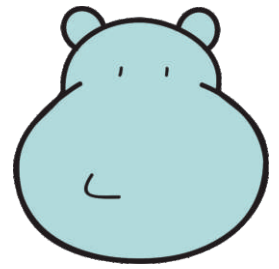




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Reading

Time allowed : 45 minutes.

Instructions

- Do **not** open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor.
- You may **not** use a dictionary.
- Read each question carefully.
- Select the correct answer and then mark your selection on your answersheet.
- Make sure you only mark one answer for each question.

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PART ONE

Read the text and then select the best heading (A, B, C or D) for each paragraph from the options given on the following page. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

Bayeux Tapestry

1

The small French town of Bayeux is famous throughout the world as the home of the Bayeux tapestry. This amazing piece of stitching is nearly a thousand years old and, although it is called a tapestry, it can be more accurately described as a historical record of the battle between William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold, King of England, which led to the Norman invasion of England in 1066. Stitches in different coloured wools outline the principal characters in these events, ending with the death of Harold, who was hit in the eye by an arrow. William has been known as William the Conqueror since that date, when he took over as King of England.

2

The first written reference to the tapestry can be found in a list of the contents of Bayeux Cathedral in the year 1476, but it is known to date back much further than that. However, there is still some mystery as to why it was made, and who paid for it. One group of historical scholars believe that it was the idea of Queen Matilda, wife of William the Conqueror, and that she was actually part of the group of women who made it. According to these historians, she stitched it, assisted by her ladies-in-waiting and her other maids and servants, and so it was made in France.

3

However, much more recent research, carried out in the 20th century, seems to prove that it was William's half-brother Odo, who wanted the tapestry to be made. Odo became Earl of Kent after the victory over Harold, and assisted William in ruling England at that time. It seems probable that the tapestry was actually made in England – there is evidence to suggest that the style of the stitches, and the materials used, come from England rather than France. It was then sent by sea to Bayeux, to be displayed in Bayeux Cathedral in 1077.

4

The original tapestry was about 70 metres long, and less than a metre wide. It has 50 different scenes of battle, running one after the other like a modern-day cartoon strip. When it was being stitched, the people making it worked on small sections of canvas material, which were then joined together to make the full-length tapestry. Every year it was hung from pillars, almost filling the main part of the Cathedral. It is not clear if this was to celebrate a special occasion or if the material just needed to be hung out to air, to ensure it did not become damp and damaged while in storage.

5

It was not until the late 1700s that the tapestry became a tourist attraction. First it was hung in the Louvre Museum in Paris, where it created something of a sensation. When it returned to Bayeux, it had become so famous that tourists queued to see it. Much later the local government in the town built a special museum to house the tapestry, so it could be on display all year round. There are also a number of copies of the tapestry on display in England, America and Canada, and a half-size copy has been made and is exhibited in New Zealand.

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|--|--|---|
| <p>1 A Killed by an Arrow
 B William the Conqueror
 C History Recorded in Stitches
 D French Town</p> | <p>2 A Made in France
 B Origins of the Tapestry
 C Queen Matilda
 D Bayeux Cathedral</p> | <p>3 A Results of Recent Research
 B William's Half-brother
 C Made in England
 D Earl of Kent</p> |
| <p>4 A Cartoon Strip
 B Displayed Annually
 C Made in Sections
 D How the Tapestry was Made</p> | <p>5 A Worldwide Tourist Attraction
 B Tapestry Museum
 C New Zealand Copy
 D The Louvre, Paris</p> | |

PART TWO

Read "Bayeux Tapestry" again and select True (A), False (B) or Not Mentioned in Text (C). Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

- 6** William and Harold fought their final battle in France.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 7** The Duke of Normandy was later called William the Conqueror.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 8** Records of the tapestry go back to 1066.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 9** Queen Matilda was the wife of Harold, King of England.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 10** Odo was born five years before his half-brother William.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 11** Historians from the 20th century believe the tapestry was made in England.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 12** The separate sections of the canvas material were joined together before they were decorated with the tapestry stitching.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 13** The tapestry was stored in an underground chamber at the Cathedral.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 14** As soon as it was completed the tapestry attracted many crowds to see it.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text
- 15** The tapestry has been copied several times for display in different countries.
- A** True
B False
C Not Mentioned in Text

PART THREE

Pick the words closest in meaning to these words from "Bayeux Tapestry". Mark your answers (A, B, C or D) on your answer sheet.

- | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 16 accurately | 17 mystery | 18 victory over | 19 sections | 20 created |
| A openly | A certainty | A defeat of | A shares | A made |
| B precisely | B crime story | B meeting with | B divisions | B invented |
| C cleverly | C uncertainty | C retreat from | C departments | C gave birth to |
| D reasonably | D innocence | D punishment by | D pieces | D developed |

PART FOUR

Fill in the gaps in the conversation by selecting the correct answers (A, B, C or D). Mark your answers on your answer sheet.



Hi Mum. How are you? I have some good news. Earlier today I

21 to my manager and he

22 to allow me to have two days holiday next week, so I will

be able **23** you redecorate the bathroom and

your bedroom.



Oh, that's great news Dan. Which days **24** here? I will have to buy paint and everything else before we can start work. I have decided the colours I want in the bedroom, but I **25** on the colour for the bathroom. I **26** of just painting it white, because I think that looks clean and bright, but your father said that he thought that would look very cold. He **27** a colour like pale pink, or yellow, or even pale green maybe. I don't know what to do!



What! I thought ²⁸ the interior designer in our family. You have always made the colour choices before, not Dad! I am not going to help with colour choices, I am just going to do as I am told and paint walls and ceilings. The colour is up to you and Dad. But I do have one good idea. My manager ²⁹ I take Thursday and Friday off next week to help. Then, if we ³⁰ I will be able to stay overnight and help you at the weekend as well.



- 21 A have spoken
 B will be speaking
 C spoke
 D am speaking

- 26 A was thinking
 B had not thought
 C should have been thinking
 D will be thinking

- 22 A has agreed
 B had agreed
 C will have agreed
 D must have agreed

- 27 A could prefer
 B would prefer
 C was being preferred
 D will be preferred

- 23 A help
 B to help
 C to have helped
 D will help

- 28 A were you
 B will you be
 C you were
 D you will be

- 24 A you will be
 B you were
 C were you
 D will you be

- 29 A should suggest
 B will be suggesting
 C will have suggested
 D suggested

- 25 A would not decide
 B cannot decide
 C must not decide
 D will not decide

- 30 A have finished
 B are finishing
 C have not finished
 D will be finished

PART FIVE

Read this article about crime novelist Patricia Cornwell, and fill in the numbered gaps by selecting A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

Patricia Cornwell

Unlike many other famous writers of crime fiction, the American author Patricia Cornwell has ³¹ experience of the work of police officers and criminal investigations. Before she took ³² writing her thrillers, she worked as a newspaper reporter, specialising in crime stories. She has ³³ been a volunteer police officer, and had a job as a computer analyst in a criminal medical examiner's office. Therefore it is ³⁴ surprise that the heroine of her crime novels, Dr Kay Scarpetta, is a medical examiner, working on criminal investigations. In this way she can be set apart from so many other crime writers, who place a serving police officer, or possibly a private detective, at the centre of their novels. Cornwell also draws ³⁵ real life for other aspects of her books. For ³⁶, Dr Scarpetta is the Chief Medical Examiner for Richmond, Virginia, and Cornwell ³⁷ has a home in Richmond, Virginia, as well as a home in New York. Her local knowledge of the area makes her descriptions much ³⁸ vivid and personal than those of a person who is describing a region they do not know well.

There is no doubt that Cornwell's approach to her writing has brought her a great deal of success. Her first novel, *Postmortem*, won no less ³⁹ five international awards as crime novel of the year, and she received the prestigious Gold Dagger Award for her fourth book, *Cruel and Unusual*. However, readers ⁴⁰ that her books do contain a lot of medical detail and information about the impact of various fatal injuries – the medical focus of Dr Scarpetta shows through!

31 A less
B first-hand
C more
D underhand

32 A up
B down
C in
D off

33 A only
B not
C also
D than

34 A any
B with
C no
D much

35 A down
B to
C up
D on

36 A example
B besides
C although
D almost

37 A yourself
B herself
C himself
D myself

38 A fewer
B further
C less
D more

39 A if
B more
C than
D when

40 A should be warned
B should warn
C would be warned
D would warn

PART SIX

In the following sentences one of the words underlined needs to be replaced by another word or words. Select the word that needs to be replaced (A, B, C or D) and mark your answers on your answer sheet.

- 41 Many of the (A) young boys at my school believe (B) which they will be able to become professional football players (C) when they are (D) older.
- 42 I wonder if you (A) should be kind enough (B) to assist me with (C) these bags, as there are too (D) many for me to carry them alone.
- 43 He (A) was not offered the job at the new factory (B) on the ring-road, because he was late (C) arriving at the interview. He (D) delayed by a traffic jam.
- 44 If the teachers (A) had known that the children were so (B) bad behaved, they (C) would not have decided to take them (D) to visit the science museum in London.
- 45 Library users (A) who want to borrow CDs or DVDs (B) from the library (C) must pay a deposit of £1, and (D) will show proof of identity.

PART SEVEN

Read the following passage and then answer the questions, selecting True (A), False (B) or Not Mentioned in Text (C). Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

Closure of a chocolate shop

The economic recession in England was supposed to be coming to an end in the summer of 2013, but this was too late to save a much-loved chocolate shop and café in the centre of the Cheshire town of Wilmslow. Shop owner, Simon Dunn, decided that he would have to give up running the business in August, after seven years of successful trading, because the costs of maintaining his shop were rising more sharply than the income from sales.

In coming to this decision he did not only blame the financial difficulties experienced across the whole country. Other reasons leading to this decision included the rise in the price of cocoa, an essential ingredient of handmade chocolate, the increasing amount of paperwork involved in running a business, increased taxes and a change in the shopping habits of his customers.

Wilmslow is a small town, and the shopkeepers depend on local people coming in to the town to shop, perhaps taking time to enjoy a cup of coffee, and to buy a few luxury items, such as handmade chocolates and cakes, rather than doing all their shopping at out of town supermarkets. However, the price of parking has also had an impact. "Parking is a huge problem", says Mr Dunn, who believes that the ever-increasing charges being imposed by local councils have led to many people no longer choosing to come into town. "The only time we have had free parking is in the run-up to Christmas, and the rise in business is amazing", he adds.

His concerns about the future of high street shops are reflected in recent surveys carried out by the Centre for Retail Research. In 2013, one in six high street shop premises were empty, and they estimate that more than 60,000 shops will close over the next five years. This will also lead to the loss of 316,000 jobs. Their findings confirm Mr Dunn's views about the cost of parking making shoppers go to large shopping malls on the edge of town, rather than the traditional town centre high street. But there are also a number of other changes in shopping habits that are forcing small traders out of business, particularly the trend for buying online. By 2018, it is expected that about one-quarter of all our purchases will be online, rather than from a traditional high-street shop or supermarket.

Finally, while consumer spending has increased by 12% since 2006, the cost of running a business has risen by 20%. The gap seems to be increasing, leaving small shopkeepers with no choice but to close down before their losses are too great. Mr Dunn is not going out of business completely though – he has decided to continue to make luxury chocolate, but he will sell it online. So his loyal customers will still be able to buy their favourite brand of chocolate – sitting at their computer at home instead of visiting Mr Dunn in his Wilmslow shop.

- 46** Simon Dunn traded for seven years in Wilmslow.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 47** The economic crisis in England was the only cause of the closure of Mr Dunn's shop.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 48** The cost of cocoa rose by 5% annually from 2010 to 2013.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 49** The cost of car parking in Wilmslow is forcing people to alter the way they shop.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 50** If parking charges are removed the shops in the town are less busy.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 51** According to research, six high street shops close every week.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 52** Shop closures have a major impact on employment figures.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 53** Already shoppers buy more than 10% of their goods online.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 54** The cost of running a small business has risen by 12% since 2006.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text
- 55** Simon Dunn's handmade chocolates are now being sold over the internet.
- A** True
 - B** False
 - C** Not mentioned in text

PART EIGHT

Read the text “**SPLAT - Insect Control Spray**”, then answer the questions on the next page by selecting **A, B, C or D**. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

!!SPLAT!! Insect Control Spray

SPLAT Insect Spray is an effective, safe way of removing all those damaging household insects that harm your home ... wasps, ants, flies.

You name them and we will **SPLAT** them!

This modern chemical product comes in a safe can, with a plunge-in top, allowing you to spray the insects from a distance with a direct jet of liquid, which develops into foam on contact with a hard surface. This foam covers the insects and quickly makes them harmless. You will only need to spray once.

When using the **SPLAT** spray, always wear gloves, and point the spray away from your body – directing it at the insects. It is best to use the spray in the early evening, at night, or early in the morning, when the insects are not so active, and are likely to be in their nest. Do NOT use in bright sunlight when the spray may evaporate in the heat and will not be so effective.

Spray **SPLAT** from a distance of three metres from the insect nest, in short bursts of no more than 12 seconds. Make sure that you fully cover the nest with the foam. If you cannot see the nest, and can only see the entrance where the insects go in and out, then direct the spray jet into the opening. Do NOT try to open up the nest, as this will only disturb the insects and may lead to you being stung or bitten.

When the **SPLAT** can is empty, do NOT throw it away in the household rubbish. These cans **MUST** be taken to a recycling centre, or handed in at the shop where you bought them, so that they can be properly disposed of. The can is a pressurised container.

PLEASE NOTE **SPLAT** spray is only to be used for killing insects such as wasps, bees, ants, beetles etc. It is not to be used as a form of medicinal spray. If you get stung or bitten by an insect, then apply a soothing antiseptic cream. Get medical help if you suffer a serious reaction to the bite.

If you spray insects that are settled on plants, fruit, or flowers, **SPLAT** will kill the plants. It is not suitable for this use.

SPLAT is only effective against insects. It will not get rid of other household pests such as rats and mice.

WARNING : SPLAT could be harmful to pets such as dogs or cats, and should never come into contact with human skin. If any spray does come into contact with skin, wash the area with clean cold water immediately and if there is a severe reaction, seek medical help.

If **SPLAT** spray gets into your eyes, seek medical help immediately.

Store in a cool, dry place, out of reach of children and animals. Do not store for longer than a year from the date of purchase.

56 SPLAT should only be used on

- A** insects and plants
- B** household insects
- C** household pets
- D** plants and pests

57 Where should SPLAT NOT be stored?

- A** within reach of children
- B** in a cool place
- C** out of reach of pets
- D** in a dry place

58 Where should SPLAT be sprayed?

- A** into areas where food is stored
- B** directly on to plants
- C** directly into and over the insect nest
- D** onto the insects while they are flying

59 According to the text, what should users do if they are stung or bitten?

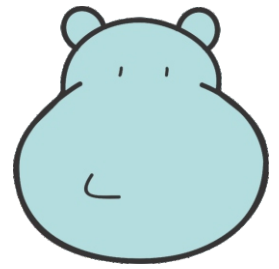
- A** seek medical help immediately
- B** wash the area in clean cold water
- C** put on protective gloves
- D** apply a soothing antiseptic cream

60 The main purpose of this text is to:

- A** advise the reader on how to kill insects
- B** tell the user how to get rid of SPLAT containers
- C** instruct the reader on how to use SPLAT safely
- D** inform householders about care of their pets



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Listening

This examination lasts approximately : 35 minutes.

Instructions

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- Read each question carefully.
- Select the correct answer and then mark your selection on your answersheet.
- Make sure you only mark one answer for each question.

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PART ONE

Read the statements below, listen to this extract from a talk about Rolls-Royce, and mark your answer True (A), False (B) or Unknown (C) on your answer sheet.

You will hear this recording twice.



- 61 According to the speaker, Rolls-Royce still manufactures luxury cars.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 62 Henry Royce originally established an engineering company, and was later joined by Charles Rolls.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 63 Charles Rolls was awarded a scholarship to study at Cambridge University.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 64 Charles Rolls's first car showroom was in France.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 65 Henry Royce drove in a car he had built himself to meet Charles Rolls in Manchester in 1904.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 66 It took 20 years for Rolls and Royce to set up their company.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 67 The Silver Ghost was produced within two years of the two men starting to work together.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 68 The partnership lasted for more than 30 years.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 69 Charles Rolls was killed in an air crash because of poor weather conditions.
- A True
B False
C Unknown
- 70 By 1933, Rolls-Royce had a factory in America.
- A True
B False
C Unknown

PART TWO

Read the questions, listen to this recording of a conversation between Henry and his sister, Sandra, and select the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

You will hear this recording twice.

71 Henry needs money to

- A go on holiday with his parents
- B go on holiday this summer
- C go to university
- D help with his housing costs

72 Sandra says her brother

- A has a lot of suitable skills
- B has a part-time job
- C is studying hard
- D has completed his studies

73 Henry's ideal job would be

- A on a job site on the internet
- B close to his university
- C paid by the hour
- D part time and flexible

74 Sandra suggests her brother should

- A stay up late
- B advertise for work on the internet
- C sell sweets
- D come and live with her and her two children

75 Henry worked in a call centre when he was

- A 22 years old
- B 20 years old
- C 18 years old
- D 17 years old

76 Sandra suggests he could look for work

- A in a bicycle shop
- B in an office
- C over Christmas
- D as a cycle courier

77 Henry describes work filling shelves in a supermarket as

- A boring but well paid
- B worth doing during the day
- C only available in the day
- D not very interesting



78 Which type of coffee is **NOT** mentioned by Sandra?

- A Espresso
- B Americano
- C Cappuccino
- D Latte

79 Henry is spending the afternoon

- A at lectures at the university
- B seeing his parents
- C spending money
- D job hunting

80 Henry suggests going over to Sandra's for a meal on

- A Wednesday
- B Monday
- C Thursday
- D Sunday

PART THREE

Listen to the recordings of people discussing the courses they want to study in the future, and then select the correct answer (A, B, C or D) from the choices that follow. Mark your answers on your answer sheet.

You will hear this recording only ONCE.



- 81 A Business studies
B Youth worker
C Motor mechanics
D Customer services
- 82 A Catering course
B Nursing
C Hotel management
D Librarianship
- 83 A Garden maintenance
B Youth worker
C Sports coaching
D Office administration
- 84 A Teaching
B Nursery nursing
C Food hygiene
D Business studies
- 85 A Leisure management
B Hairdressing
C Journalism
D Office administration
- 86 A Photography
B Fashion design
C Computing
D Fine art
- 87 A Hotel management
B Hairdressing
C Beauty therapy
D Film production
- 88 A Computing
B Music technology
C Theatre studies
D Engineering
- 89 A Dentistry
B Business studies
C Customer services
D Nursing care assistant
- 90 A Hotel management
B Information technology
C Art therapy
D European languages