"A Cold Day"

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

It is a **frigid** January day in York, Pennsylvania.

The temperature is below freezing. Snow is starting to fall.

Dr. James turns on the television to check the weather.

He must leave for his work at the hospital soon.

"Today is going to be very cold," says the TV weatherman. "Be sure to wear very warm clothes when you go outside. Also, be careful driving on the roads. Snowfall will make them **slippery**. In fact, if you can stay home today, do it!"

Dr. James cannot stay home. Very sick people are waiting to see him at the hospital.

He goes to his closet. He takes out the warmest clothes he has.

He puts on a sweater, jacket, gloves, socks, boots, and a hat.

He opens his front door to go to work. A gust of cold air blows inside.

"Wow, it is very cold outside," Dr. James says. He is from Miami and is not used to the cold. "The weatherman was right!"

Before he can drive to work, Dr. James must clear the snow off his car.

He does this very fast. He hops in the car. He shivers. His neck feels especially cold.

Dr. James drives slowly to work. Everyone else is driving slowly, too. There is a lot of **traffic** on the road. There are cars in front of and behind him.

Suddenly, the cars in front of Dr. James come to a stop. There has been an **accident**!

Dr. James hurries from his car to check on the driver of the car that has swerved off the road. "Is everyone okay?" Dr. James asks.

"Yes, yes, we are fine. We slipped on a patch of ice," the driver says. "This would have been a good day to stay home in bed."

Questions:

1) If the weather is **frigid**, it is very

    A. cold
    B. rainy
    C. windy
    D. slippery

2) In what city does this story take place?

    A. Florida
    B. Miami
    C. Pennsylvania
    D. York

3) Dr. James doesn't stay home because

    A. There are sick people waiting for him.
    B. He listens to the weatherman.
    C. He has to clear snow off his car.
    D. He must help the people in the accident.

4) What could Dr. James have put on his neck to keep it warm?

    A. gloves
    B. a scarf
    C. another hat
    D. a jacket

5) What does Dr. James do before he leaves for work?

    I. He dresses warmly.
    II. He checks the weather on TV.
    III. He clears snow from his car.

    A. I only
    B. I and II
    C. II and III
    D. I, II, and III

6) Given what is said in the story, what is probably true about Miami?

    A. It is a warm place.
    B. It is a rainy place.
    C. It is a windy place.
    D. People drive slowly there.

7) How are people driving today?

    A. badly
    B. slowly
    C. very fast
    D. like they do not care

8) As described in the beginning of the story, what does it mean if the roads are **slippery**?

    A. The roads are full of cars.
    B. The roads are easy to slide on.
    C. The roads are very long and curvy.
    D. The roads lead to a place with lots of snow.

9) Why does Dr. James clear the snow off his car quickly?

    A. because he is very cold
    B. because he is late for work
    C. because he knows his patients are waiting
    D. because he knows he will have to drive slowly

10) There is a lot of **traffic** on the road. How can we rewrite this sentence?

    A. There is a lot of snow on the road.
    B. There are a lot of cars on the road.
    C. There are a lot of accidents on the road.
    D. There are a lot of people walking on the road.

11) Why did the car have an accident?

    A. because it was snowing outside
    B. because Dr. James hit the car
    C. because it was so cold outside
    D. because the car slipped on a patch of ice

12) What is an **accident**?

    A. something that hurts people
    B. something that happens only in the snow
    C. something that happens that has not been planned
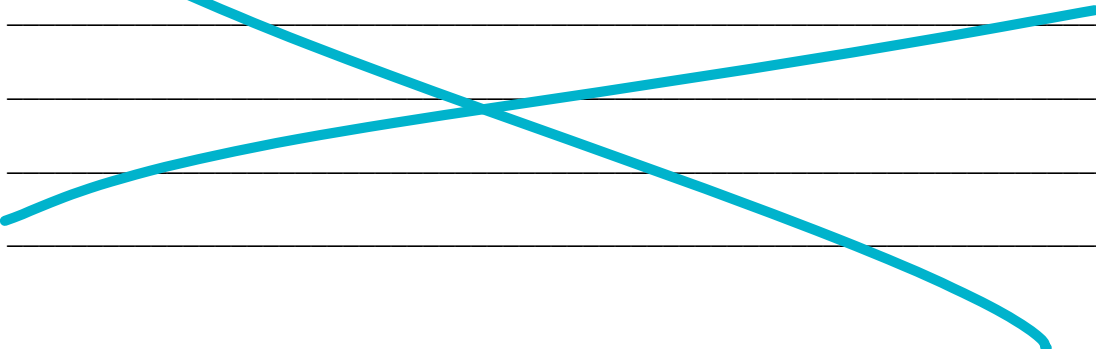   **D.** something that happens because other people want it to

13) What is the weatherman right about?

    I. It is a windy day.
    II. It is very cold outside.
    III. The roads are slippery.

    A. I only
    B. I and II
    C. II and III
    D. I, II, and III

14) Why does Dr. James hurry from his car after the accident?

    A. because he is very cold
    B. because he wants to get to the hospital as soon as possible
    C. because he is worried about his patients waiting at the hospital
    D. because he wants to make sure the people in the car are okay

Do you like the weather where you live? Why or why not?

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Name_____

Date_____

"The Drive"

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.

Gustavo works far away from his home.

He drives a car to work. It takes him 3 hours to get there.

Gustavo drives.

While he drives, he thinks about many things.

He thinks about his little girl. She likes to ride horses.

He thinks about his little boy. He plays fireman all the time.

He thinks about his wife. She milks the cows on the farm.

Gustavo thinks of things he needs to do when he gets home.

He needs to cut the grass. It is too long.

He needs to water the flowers so they will grow.

He wants to read a story to his little girl.

He wants to play a game with his little boy.

He wants to sit with his wife. He wants to tell her about his day.

Questions:

1) How does Gustavo get to work?

    A. by bus
    B. by car
    C. by horse
    D. by train

2) What does Gustavo do while he drives?

    A. He sings.
    B. He talks.
    C. He thinks.
    D. He works.

3) What does Gustavo think about while he drives?

   I. his work
   II. his wife
   III. his little boy

   A. I only
   B. I and II
   C. II and III
   D. I, II, and III

4) How long does it take Gustavo to get to work?

   A. 15 minutes
   B. 30 minutes
   C. 2 hours
   D. 3 hours

5) What does Gustavo's little girl like to do?

   A. milk cows
   B. play fireman
   C. ride horses
   D. water flowers

6) What does Gustavo's little boy like to do?

   A. milk cows
   B. play fireman
   C. ride horses
   D. water flowers

7) What does Gustavo **need** to do when he gets home?

   I. milk the cows
   II. cut the grass
   III. water the flowers

   A. I only
   B. I and II
   C. II and III
   D. I, II, and III

8) What does Gustavo **want** to do when he gets home?

   I. sit with his wife
   II. read to his little girl
   III. play a game with his little boy

   A. I only
   B. I and II
   C. II and III
   D. I, II, and III

9) Why does Gustavo **need** to cut the grass?

   A. So it will grow.
   B. It is too brown.
   C. It is too long.
   D. It is too old.

10) What does Gustavo **need** to water when he gets home?

   A. the grass
   B. the cows
   C. the horses
   D. the flowers

Section E

Jack, Kate and Leo are students. Read about them and answer the questions. Who do you think is speaking? Write *Jack*, *Kate* or *Leo*. The first one has been done for you.

JACK, age 18

From Monday to Friday, Jack is a very busy person. He studies all day, and works in a restaurant in the evenings. At the weekend, he usually relaxes at home with his family, watching old films on TV, listening to classical music CDs, and reading. He's got an old Volkswagen Beetle, and he sometimes drives into the mountains with his girlfriend Jo, and they go walking. Jack has to get up early, so he goes to bed early, too – usually before his parents or his 15-year-old sister Amanda.

KATE, age 21

Kate goes to college during the day and studies at home during the evening. She and her husband Bob have a flat near the centre, so she usually walks or cycles to college. They're always out at weekends, eating out, and going to clubs and discos, and they often drive to London to visit friends. They don't have a TV, but Kate usually listens to pop music on the radio while she's working. Kate's classes start at 8.00 in the morning, so she gets up quite early, and she usually goes to bed at about 10.30.

LEO, age 20

When Leo isn't at the university, he's usually playing sport, watching sport, or listening to sport on the radio. He plays football or tennis every evening during the week, he goes for a long bike ride on Saturday, and on Sunday he watches sports all day on TV. His flat-mates Tom and Mike don't like sport much, but they're usually out on Sundays. Leo doesn't have a girlfriend, and he isn't interested in music. He doesn't have morning classes, so he goes to bed late – and he gets up late too.

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0   'I haven't got a bicycle.'   *Jack*

1   'I live at home with my parents and sister.'   ....

2   'I don't watch television.'   ....

3   'I'm never at home at the weekend.'   ....

4   'I'm usually alone on Sundays.'   ....

5   'During the week, I'm always at home in the evenings.'   ....

6   'I usually go to bed quite late.'   ....

7   'I'm in love with my girlfriend.'   ....

8   'I enjoy dancing and listening to pop music.'   ....

Section F

Here is part of a holiday postcard. Choose the best words to fill the gaps. The first one has been done for you.

I'm ....0........ in a lovely hotel. ....1........ three restaurants and a big swimming pool, and all the rooms ....2........ balconies. It's a lovely warm day, and I'm sitting on my balcony now, ...3........ a coffee. Below me, there are some ....4........ swimming in the pool. Others ....5........ at tables, or lying ....6........ the grass. And there are some children ....7........ the trees behind the pool.

0	A stay	B stays	C staying
1	A It got	B It's got	C It have
2	A have got	B has got	C got
3	A have	B has	C having
4	A person	B people	C peoples
5	A sit	B sitting	C are sitting
6	A in	B on	C at
7	A climb	B to climb	C climbing

Progress test 2: Units 7–12

Time allowed: 70 minutes.
Answer all the questions.
Write your answers on this paper.

Please do not write in this box.

Section	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total
Score									

NAME:

Section A (10 marks)

Choose the best answer, A, B, C or D. The first one is an example.

0   I .... feel very well yesterday.
    A am not   B don't   C didn't   D wasn't   ....C....

1   My cousin .... his leg last Saturday.
    A break   B breaks   C broke   D broken   ....

2   I'd like a new .... for my bedroom floor.
    A curtain   B cushion   C poster   D rug   ....

3   Joe and I are vegetarians. .... of us eats meat.
    A Both   B Neither   C One   D Other   ....

4   Do you want a single or a .... room?
    A double   B return   C two   D second   ....

5   I've been here for a week. I came here ....
    A before a week   B after a week   C a week later   D a week ago   ....

6   My father loves his old car. .... it for 20 years!
    A He has   B He had   C He's had   D He's got   ....

7   There's .... sugar in this coffee. Could I have some more, please?
    A too much   B too many   C enough   D not enough   ....

8   Where .... last weekend?
    A you went   B did you went   C you go   D did you go   ....

9   I'd like to .... on this jacket, please.
    A try   B fit   C suit   D wear   ....

10 Our new house .... south.
    A looks   B views   C faces   D heads   ....

Section B (5 marks)

These sentences are about things to wear. Choose the best word (A–J) for each sentence. The first one is an example.

0   Something you wear round your neck with a suit.   ...I....

1   Something you wear round your neck in cold weather.   ....

2   Something you wear on your feet in cold weather.   ....

3   Something you wear on your feet on the beach.   ....

4   Something you wear on your hands.   ....

5   Something you wear on your face.   ....

A	boots
B	dress
C	gloves
D	make-up
E	sandals
F	scarf
G	shorts
H	skirt
I	tie
J	uniform

▶ **Exercise 1:** Tick (✓) the suitable answer.

1. Do you work on Saturdays?

A ☐ Yes, I work   B ☐ Yes, I do   C ☐ Yes, I am

2. How old are you?

A ☐ No, I'm not   B ☐ I'm 35   C ☐ I'm a waiter

3. Do you have a brother?

A ☐ No, I not have   B ☐ No, they don't   C ☐ No, I don't

4. Where are they from?

A ☐ There from Bath   B ☐ They're from Bath C ☐ I'm from Bath

▶ **Exercise 2:** Questions. Tick (✓) the suitable question.

5. My name's john.

A ☐ What's their name? B ☐ What's your name? C ☐ How's your name?

6. She's a doctor.

A ☐ What's his job? B ☐ What's your job? C ☐ What's her job?

7. It's a notebook.

A ☐ What's this in English? B ☐ What's in English? C ☐ What's it English?

8. Yes, I do.

A ☐ Have you got children? B ☐ Do you like your job? C ☐ How are you?

9. He's from Scotland.

A ☐ Where's he from? B ☐ Where is she from? C ☐ Where does he live?

10. They are playing football.

A ☐ What are you doing? B ☐ What are they doing? C ☐ What do you do?