Vocabulary

1 Choose the correct answers.

1 This is my favourite ___________. It’s got some great recipes for pasta.
   A play  B short story  C cookbook
2 Can you get me today’s ___________ when you’re in the shop?
   A blog  B newspaper  C encyclopaedia
3 My sister buys a fashion ___________ every month.
   A manual  B magazine  C novel
4 I like her short stories, so now I’m going to try one of her ___________.
   A novels  B magazines  C newspapers
5 I need to find my French ___________ and do exercise 3 on page 54.
   A poetry  B textbook  C blog

2 Match the genres and their definitions.

1 autobiographies ___
2 crime fiction ___
3 fairy tales ___
4 horror ___
5 science fiction ___

A books where people write about their own life
B scary stories with monsters and vampires
C stories about space travel, robots and other technologies
D stories about the police, burglars, bank robbers, etc.
E stories that are usually very suitable for young children

3 Choose the correct alternative.

1 At the Book of the Year ceremony, J K Norman won an adaptation/award for her first novel.
2 P J Dixon’s latest crime novel is placed/set in Oxford and its colleges.
3 My daughter likes fairy stories that have a happy ending/plot.
4 I like the story, but I didn’t really like the main character/bestseller.
5 T J Forrester wrote many excellent books, but this one is his masterpiece/theme.

Score__/5

4 Complete the sentences with the phrasal verbs in the box.

cross out  flicked through  make up  read out  scroll down

1 I ___________ the cookbook to check if it had photos of the recipes.
2 On your tablet, ___________ to the bottom of the page and click ‘OK’.
3 Since I’m driving, can you ___________ the directions for me?
4 Check your work, ___________ any mistakes and correct them.
5 The next time you forget your homework, try and ___________ a better story.

Score__/5
5 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

1 Doctor: ‘You need to lose some weight.’
   The doctor told me I ____________.

2 Teacher: ‘There will be a big exam at the end of term.’
   The teacher said there ____________.

3 Man: ‘I have never been skiing before.’
   The man said that he ____________.

4 Boy to mother: ‘I’m not feeling very well.’
   The boy told his mother he ____________.

5 Girl to teacher: ‘I tried really hard.’
   The girl told her teacher that she ____________.

6 Girl to father: ‘I have to stay late for netball practice.’
   The girl told her father she ____________.

7 Complete the sentences with say or tell.

1 People ____________ that Slovenia is very beautiful. Is that right?
2 You mustn’t ____________ such terrible things. I know you don’t mean it.
3 When you see Jane, can you ____________ her to give me a ring?
4 I’m sorry you waited for me for supper – I did ____________ you I was going to be late.
5 How long are you supposed to cook this pizza? What does it ____________ on the packet?
6 Why did you ____________ Peter to come on Saturday? We’re not going to be here, remember?
7 It’s already 9.15. What time did Anna ____________ she would be here?

8 Complete the sentences. Write what the officer asked the language school student when she arrived at the airport.

1 ‘What is the purpose of your trip?’
   He asked me ____________.

2 ‘Have you been to the UK before?’
   He asked me ____________.

3 ‘How long are you planning to stay?’
   He asked me ____________.

4 ‘Where are you going to stay?’
   He asked me ____________.

5 ‘Did the school send you a letter confirming your place?’
   He asked me ____________.

6 ‘Can I see the letter?’
   He asked me ____________.
Use of English

9 Read the text and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap.

I am always looking for new and interesting things to read, and I asked my friend Satomi, who comes from Japan, what sort of things 1 _________. She asked me 2 _________ or not I had ever heard of something called ‘Manga’, and I said I 3 _________. She went off to her room and brought back a few examples of Manga books and showed them to me. The books were graphic 4 _________, with beautiful pictures all the way through. I asked 5 _________ they were just for children, and she explained that adults read them, too. She said she 6 _________ a really good one that was 7 _________ in Tokyo 1,500 years ago, and that I 8 _________ borrow it when she had finished.

1 A she liked   B does she liked
   C did she like   D they have liked

2 A whether   B if
   C what   D when

3 A hasn’t   B don’t
   C didn’t   D hadn’t

4 A poetry   B plays
   C novels   D textbooks

5 A when   B how
   C about   D if

6 A is reading   B was reading
   C has read   D had read

7 A put   B set
   C placed   D written

8 A could   B will
   C would   D shall

Listening

10 Listen to two friends talking. Answer the following questions. Write boy (B) or girl (G).

1 Who has their own e-reader? _________

2 Who likes talking about books they are reading? _________

3 Who sometimes reads on a laptop? _________

4 Who doesn’t read much in the day? _________

5 Who likes Internet access all the time? _________

6 Who says battery life is not very important? _________

11 Listen again. Decide if the following sentences are True (T) or False (F).

1 They both think that Kindles are easy to use. T / F

2 They both think that real books can be too big. T / F

3 They both like people seeing what they are reading. T / F

4 The boy is happy to use his laptop for reading. T / F

5 The girl likes being on social media all the time. T / F

6 The girl agrees that Kindles have good batteries. T / F
A

_Scorpia_ is a novel about Alex Rider, a normal teenager who becomes a spy working for MI6, the British Secret Service. When he is on a school trip to Venice he finds out more about Scorpia, an international criminal organisation. He starts working for Scorpia and MI6 at the same time until he discovers that Scorpia is planning to do something that may kill thousands of London schoolchildren. I won’t tell you what happens, but this is an amazing book – I couldn’t put it down. If you like James Bond and books with lots of excitement, then you must read this. This is the fifth book in the series – and the great thing is there are several more before I finish.

B

I’m reading a book by Sir Chris Hoy about his life as an Olympic cyclist. He first got interested in cycling after seeing the movie _ET_ and the boy on the BMX bike. At school, he was successful in rugby, football and athletics, and he was also very successful at his local cycling club. One thing I learned from the book is that if you want to succeed, your body must be fit and healthy, but your mind is even more important. He says you should never worry about things you can’t control (like what other people are doing) and you should only concentrate on the things you can control. It was good advice and helped him win six Olympic gold medals in Athens, Beijing and London – and many other awards.

C

I’ve never been to Australia, but after reading _Down Under_ by Bill Bryson, I feel I know the country really well. It’s a travel book rather than a guidebook and is really a big collection of stories about the different people he meets as he travels round. I’ve read quite a lot of other books by Bryson, and I think the way he writes is really great. There are some great moments in the book, like when he first goes for a swim in the sea and goes through a list of all the terrible things like sharks and sea snakes that might attack him. I was reading that part on the Tube, and laughing so much that I started to cry – I think everyone thought I was crazy.

12 Read the texts and answer the questions. Write A, B or C.

1 Which book is funny? _____________
2 Which book is fiction? _____________
3 Which book is exciting? _____________
4 Which book is about sports? _____________
5 Which book is an autobiography? _____________
6 Which book is about a visit to another country? _____________

Score __/6

13 Read the article again. Complete the sentences with one or two words.

1 _Scorpia_ begins when Alex Rider is in Venice on a _____________.
2 _Scorpia_ is book number _____________ in the Alex Rider series.
3 Sir Chris Hoy says your _____________ is more important than your physical health.
4 Sir Chris Hoy has won six _____________ at the Olympics.
5 _Down Under_ is about Bryson’s travels in _____________.
6 In one funny part, he writes about all the _____________ that might attack him in the sea.

Score __/6

14 Which of these three books would you like to read most? Give three reasons for your choice.

_______________________________________________
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Score __/3
Writing

15 Write a story that begins with the sentence below. Use the notes to help you.

We were driving along a quiet mountain road in Greece when Sarah, who was sitting next to me, saw something up ahead.

Notes:

1 The opening sentence says that Sarah ‘saw something up ahead’. You will need to explain what it was. Was it an animal? Was it a person? Was it something like a house or a farm? Was it another car? Was it smoke from a fire? This will probably be the most important thing you choose because it will affect the rest of your story. You may need to use the past continuous for describing the scene: The sun was shining … / There was a warm wind blowing … / There was a man sitting …

2 Your story will probably need to include a few details about who the main characters are. Are they tourists? Do they live there? You may need to use the past perfect to talk about things that happened before the opening moment of the story: We had hired the car that morning … / We had only been in the country for a few days …

3 Your story will probably need to talk about the events that happened next. For this, you will probably need to use the simple past tense: I stopped the car and jumped out … / I ran down the road …

4 At the end of the story you will need a sentence that finishes it off. For example: It was a day that I will never forget. / Even today, I can’t believe how lucky we were to escape.

However, remember that you only have a maximum of 100 words, so keep your story very simple.

Write a story of 80–100 words.
16 Work in pairs to act out a role-play.

**Student A:**
You are going to talk to the class about a book, film or TV programme that you like. Before class, you talk about your presentation with Student B. Answer Student B’s questions.

**Student B:**
Ask your partner the following questions about the presentation they need to give to the class.

1. What are you going to talk about for your presentation?
2. What is the basic story or plot?
3. What do you like most about it?
4. What sort of people would like it?
5. Is there anything else like it?

Then change roles and repeat the role-play.

Score __/10

Vocabulary __/20
Grammar __/25
Use of English __/8
Listening __/12
Reading __/15
Writing __/10
Speaking __/10

TOTAL __/100