

## From PET – Examination Papers. Book 2. Reading Test 6.

### Part 1 - Questions 1-5

Look at the test in each question. What does it say? Write the correct letter A, B or C on the answer sheet.

- 1 **TAKE ONE TABLET EVERY 12 HOURS BUT CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR IF SYMPTOMS PERSIST**

A Do not take these tablets unless your doctor tells you to.  
B Go and see your doctor if these tablets do not make you feel better.  
C You can take a tablet more frequently if symptoms get worse.

- 2 **To: Sara**  
**From: Paul**

*Could we go and see **Family Life** on Saturday instead? The others can't make Friday.*  
**Paul**

#### **Why does Paul want to change arrangements?**

A It is not possible to do what he wants that day.  
B He has to spend time with his family that day.  
C A different day would suit their friends better.

- 3 **A few tickets are still available for tonight's performance of *Cats*. Discounts for students.**

A Tonight's show is being performed by drama students.  
B Students can buy tickets more cheaply for this evening's theatre show.  
C It is no longer possible to buy tickets for this evening's performance.

- 4 **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAGGAGE UNATTENDED AT ANY TIME**

A Keep your luggage with you all the time.  
B Do not forget to lock your suitcases at all times.  
C Baggage must have a label with the owner's name and address.

- 5 Jane,  
your cousin rang. Flight delayed. Will call when he knows what's happening.

#### **Jane's cousin**

A wants her to call him about a flight.  
B will not now be coming to see her.  
C does not yet know his time of arrival.

## PART 2. Questions 6-10

**The people below all want to have a special evening out. Read the descriptions of eight special evening events. Decide which event (letters A-H) would be the most suitable for each person (numbers 6-10). There are three extra letters which you do not need to use. Write the letters on the answer sheet.**

- 6 **Marco** would like to take his family, including his grandmother and his ten-year-old niece, out to mark his birthday. His grandmother used to work in the theatre and enjoys all the performing arts and his niece, is especially fond of comedy.
- 7 **Meena's** birthday is on Friday. She has trained to become an animal nurse. She loves her job but her hobby is running. She feels that she is not performing as well as she could and would like to learn more about how to do better at her sport.
- 8 **Mia** works long hours in a restaurant and is looking forward to having the evening off on her birthday. She loves playing the violin and classical concerts are her greatest pleasure.
- 9 **Serge** did well in his school exams and his parents want to take him out to celebrate. He loves art and animals and is considering the possibility of becoming a wildlife photographer.
- 10 **Katya** is studying to be a cook but her main aim is to travel the world and she would particularly like to visit East Asia. She is learning Chinese but doesn't get many opportunities to hear the language spoken.

### SPECIAL EVENING EVENTS

**A FIREWORKS DISPLAY.** Watch this year's spectacular show and listen to Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks at the same time. Once again you can enjoy it against the magnificent backdrop of the National Theatre. The orchestra is the supremely talented Chinese National Youth Orchestra and we are sure you will be amazed by their performance.

**B EUROPEAN PREMIERE.** Of the forbidden city, a new film from Beijing, by the talented director Liu Hao. It has received considerable critical acclaim and is likely to take a number of this year's most prestigious prizes. It throws considerable light on the history of this enigmatic country but can be enjoyed on a number of different levels. The photography is spectacular and visually it shows all of the mastery that we have come to expect from the director. English sub-titles.

**C WORLD GYMNASTICS COMPETITION.** Come and see some splendid performances from young talent from all over the world. Last year's winning team from China will be hoping to repeat their performance but they will be taking on strong competition from Italy, Cuba and Australia, among others. After the competition there will be a chance for local young athletes to meet the performers at a civic reception.

**D COOKERY DEMONSTRATION.** Would you like to learn how to cook like the best of the TV chefs? Special attention will be paid to meals for the very young and the very old. We shall also discuss how to prepare healthy and delicious food when funds are small. We shall also deal with cooking in ways that can help people who want to reach their peak in athletics and other sporting activities. This evening will be of interest and value to both novice cooks and those who already have some expertise.

**E YOUNG TALENT OF THE YEAR SHOW.** For one evening only you can see the best talent of the local area gathered together under one roof in amazing concert. There will be music of all types, drama and magic. Can you pick the young people who will make it in the world of show business? We are confident that several of the evening's young performers will soon hit the big time.

**F 21ST CENTURY CIRCUS.** This is no traditional circus with lions and elephants. Admire instead the talents of amazing artists from east and west. Laugh at the clowns, gasp at the acrobats and wonder at the skills of the trapeze stars. We preserve the spirit of the circus without needing to keep animals in unnatural conditions or forcing them to do humiliating tricks. The show will appeal to people of all ages.

**G CHINESE NEW YEAR SUPPER.** Come along and help us celebrate the Year of the Dog at the Golden Door Restaurant in China Town. We will provide a lavish buffet with the chance to eat as much as you can for a fixed price. There will also be an entertainment including performances by classical Chinese acrobats and music. Invite your friends and enjoy an evening to remember in an exotic and atmospheric setting.

**H SPECIAL LATE OPENING.** This is an evening for party animals! The zoo will be open for an extra four hours on Friday evening. You'll have chances to feed the animals and to observe them at dusk. There will also be the opportunity to listen to zoologists talking about their work. The aim of the event is to interest children in the wonderful world of nature and to encourage them to think about a career in this area.

## PART 3 - Questions 11-20

**Look at the sentences below about some websites which teenagers designed. Read the text and decide if each statement is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, write A and if it is incorrect, write B on the answer sheet.**

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| 11 | Alex Tew designed his website as part of a university project.                  | A / B |
| 12 | Some people paid for only one pixel on Alex's website.                          | A / B |
| 13 | Alex's website has had useful publicity in the press.                           | A / B |
| 14 | The parents of both teenagers in the article know each other.                   | A / B |
| 15 | Adam's father suggested the idea of the website list to Adam.                   | A / B |
| 16 | Adam gives half of the money he makes to good causes.                           | A / B |
| 17 | The writer particularly likes Adam's blog.                                      | A / B |
| 18 | Adam is impressed that Alex Tew is contributing to his website.                 | A / B |
| 19 | The writer thinks that Adam's site does not look very professional.             | A / B |
| 20 | The writer thinks that Adam may make more money from his website than Alex has. | A / B |

### Teenage Internet Millionaires

A website called The MillionDollarHomepage has been in the news a lot recently. The site was started by a student, Alex Tew, who wanted to raise a million dollars to pay his way through the undergraduate degree he hopes to take at Sheffield University.

His idea was simple: buy a pixel on his website for a dollar and it will stay up there for five years. The only thing is that you need to buy at least 100 for him to take your order. Thanks to the newspapers and television news, Alex managed to get his website in front of millions, and, as a result, he is on course to bank some £500,000. No student debt there then.

Alex's parents are friends with the parents of Adam Beasant. After a dinner party, Mr Beasant asked his son, "Why don't you do a website like Alex did and make some money?" Adam's response to MillionDollarHomepage is TheWorldsLongestList.com.

The site is simply a list of names, where you can add your name, location and a link to a website for a fee of \$1 (including a 20 per cent donation to charity). It is little more than vanity publishing for the digital age.

Perhaps more interesting than the list is the blog where Adam writes about his website, raising money for charity, his sporting prowess and of course talking to Britain's first teenage dot.com wizz (for example: "December 13: Surprise to us all as we received word from my mum's friend, who just happens to be Alex Tew's mum, that the whole family are putting their names on the list, including Alex Tew himself!!").

When you look at the site, you can tell that it has been designed by a 13-year-old. It is a bit slow and it doesn't all work, but that is part of its attraction. It reminds me of the rather clumsy homepage I designed when I was 15, before I taught myself how to code.

Adam couldn't quite explain why someone would want to pay their \$1, but then I suppose for such a small amount of money, it doesn't need a hard sell. You know you're giving some money to a kid to buy some trainers and that he's giving some of it to charity. I can't imagine that he's going to make a million, but then a couple of hundred pounds (or even dollars) isn't bad for a 13-year-old.

## PART 4 - Questions 21-25

**Read the text and the questions below it. For each question write A, B, C or D on the answer sheet.**

The “Lassie phenomenon” is the longest dog dynasty in Hollywood. Eight generations of Lassies have thrilled families since the 1943 movie, *Lassie Come Home*. But Lassie is perhaps also the world’s most famous female impersonator: Lassie was a male, and his real name was Pal. In fact, all of Pal’s descendants who played Lassie were male as well. Male collies were preferred for the role because they tend to be larger and more outgoing than females.

Pal was trained by the best in the dog-training business: Frank and Rudd Weatherwax. The brothers had made a name for themselves in Hollywood for their skill in training animals for films. To supplement their income, they also trained dogs for the public. Pal’s owner brought the collie in to be trained. Pal loved chasing motorcycles, and his owner wanted an end to this. But halfway through the training, the owner said he couldn’t afford to pay for their services. He left the collie with them as compensation.

The Weatherwax brothers auditioned their collie for the leading role in the first Lassie film. The studio executives were not impressed because Pal was smaller than what they wanted for a hero dog. They chose another collie, but this dog wasn’t yet trained for the movie.

In the end, however, the studio gave Pal and the Weatherwax brothers a shot because the Sacramento River had flooded, giving them a chance to shoot realistic scenes. The producers reasoned that audiences wouldn’t be able to tell the difference between a wet collie and a dry one, so they gave Pal the chance to show what he could do. The director wanted the dog to come out of the river wet and exhausted, too tired even to shake himself dry. For a dog, this is a tough instinct to overcome. Pal not only managed to do it but he fell to the ground so realistically that the scene has since become a classic. A star was born.

“Lassie” and his offspring went on to more movies, a radio show, a long-running television series and a cartoon show. The “Lassie” character was the first multi-media dog, and the first to receive star billing, even working next to such greats as Elizabeth Taylor and Jimmy Stewart.

**21 According to the first paragraph, which of these statements about Lassie is NOT true?**

- A The first Lassie’s real name was Pal.
- B Lassie was played by different dogs from the same family.
- C Some of the dogs that played Lassie were larger than others.
- D Lassie was always played by a male dog.

**22 How did the Weatherwax brothers first meet the dog?**

- A They were asked to train it for another film.
- B It chased the motorcycle of one of the brothers.
- C Its owner was keen to sell it to them.
- D Its owner wanted them to train it out of a bad habit.

**23 How did the film-makers react at Pal’s first audition?**

- A They were very impressed.
- B They wanted a larger dog.
- C They felt it needed more training.
- D They were not sure which dog to choose.

**24 Why was the flooding of the Sacramento River important?**

- A It gave Pal a chance to show what it could do.
- B It made it impossible for the other dog to get to the studio.
- C It made it more difficult for the studio to get the scenes it needed.
- D It allowed the film studio to shoot some very unusual scenes.

**25 Which of the following would be the best title for this article?**

- A DOGS IN FILM HISTORY
- B WHY THE FIRST LASSIE BECAME SO SUCCESSFUL
- C HOW THE LASSIE DYNASTY LASTED FOR EIGHT GENERATIONS
- D THE FIRST LASSIE - SOME SURPRISING AND CURIOUS FACTS

## PART 5 - Questions 26-35

**Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.**

### An Unusual School

Summerhill is the name of one of the most famous schools in England. It is a boarding school for boys and girls and it was started by the educationalist A. S. Neill in 1921. It calls (26) ..... a “free school” but, unfortunately perhaps, this does not mean that pupils do not have to (27) ..... any fees. It means that its aim is to be a school (28) ..... children can be free. (29) ..... are two things about the school that usually surprise people. The first is that children do not have to (30) ..... to lessons. Lessons are timetabled but they are optional. The idea is that children should be free to make (31) ..... own decisions. Most people are surprised to learn that, after the first week or two, children do not (32) ..... choose to miss lessons. The school’s meetings are the other thing that is special about it. All the members of the school - adults and children - attend the meeting and have the (33) ..... rights to vote and make decisions. The meeting makes decisions (34) ..... all the school rules or laws. As the school has about 90 children, aged from 6 to 17, and only 11 adults, children have more of an influence (35) ..... teachers do on the school rules.

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| 26 | A it    | B that    | C itself | D this    |
| 27 | A buy   | B charge  | C cost   | D pay     |
| 28 | A who   | B where   | C which  | D what    |
| 29 | A They  | B It      | C There  | D Those   |
| 30 | A be    | B do      | C get    | D go      |
| 31 | A their | B the     | C some   | D many    |
| 32 | A never | B often   | C still  | D already |
| 33 | A one   | B similar | C same   | D equal   |
| 34 | A about | B of      | C for    | D by      |
| 35 | A as    | B like    | C so     | D than    |