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Reading Test

Instructions

- 1. This test contains 4 tasks and 23 questions.**
- 2. Write all your answers in this test booklet.**



Task 1

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Read the text below, then choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for questions 1-5. Put a in the correct box. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Virtual Reality

When Qiu Chengwei reported the theft of his “dragon sabre” he was laughed out of the police station. So the 41-year-old online games player decided to take matters in his own hands. Swapping virtual weapons for a real knife, he tracked down the man who had robbed him of his prized fantasy possession and stabbed him to death.

Mr. Qiu is now facing a possible death sentence in a Shanghai court case which has highlighted concern about the social, psychological and economic impact of one of China’s fastest-growing industries. A spate of suicides, deaths by exhaustion and legal disputes about virtual possessions have been blamed on internet role-play games, which are estimated to have more than 40 million players in China.

Mr. Qiu’s favourite game was Legend of Mir III, a South Korean game which is a huge hit throughout Asia. It took him hours in front of a computer to win the dragon sabre, one of the game’s most valuable weapons. He used a feature of the game to lend it to Zhe Caoyuan, who reportedly sold it on without his permission for 7,200 renminbi (£480). Although this is considerably more than the average monthly wage, the police told Mr. Qiu that they could do nothing because the law does not recognize virtual property. He has pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Mr. Zhu, a crime that can carry the death penalty.

The number of internet users is estimated to have doubled from under 60 million in 2002 to more than 120 million. More than a third are believed to be game players, creating one of the world’s most lucrative online markets. The operators’ revenue has grown by more than 40% in each of the past two years. Shanda Networking, the biggest online game company with at least 2 million users at any given time of the day, more than doubled profits last year. The national leadership said recently that the country’s biggest skill shortage was of internet game developers. The information ministry estimates that China needs 600,000 online game technicians to fight off foreign competition.

- 0 After not being taken seriously at the police station, Mr Qiu
- A robbed the man who had robbed him.
 - B got rid of all his virtual weapons.
 - C lost track of the man who had robbed him.
 - D killed the man who had stolen from him.
- Q1 Internet role-play games have been held responsible for
- A violence among teenagers.
 - B several murders.
 - C many serious incidents.
 - D new laws governing online games.
- Q2 Mr Zhe sold the virtual sword
- A without Mr Qiu's consent.
 - B for more than he had bought it.
 - C for less than a month's salary.
 - D because he didn't know Mr Qiu wanted it back.
- Q3 Mr Qiu
- A appealed against the accusation of manslaughter.
 - B might have to face capital punishment.
 - C denies that he killed Mr Zhe.
 - D pleaded for the legal acceptance of virtual property.
- Q4 There is a sharp increase in internet users and also
- A there are many more online game companies than last year.
 - B there are more aggressive online-game-players than before.
 - C worldwide networking of online-game players.
 - D a booming online-game industry at the moment.
- Q5 Online-game experts are now
- A in great demand in China.
 - B needed to save China's economy.
 - C less skilled than before.
 - D skilled at fighting off rival products from abroad.

Task 2

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Read the text below. Parts of the text have been removed. Choose the correct part (A-K) for the gaps (6-13). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.



Twist and sshhh...

It's smooth, silent and runs off the mains. Adrian Tempany plugs in to the '21st-century Vespa'

In the months following 7/7, London began to resemble a city preparing not for the Olympics but for Wacky Races. The stream of cyclists puffing their way through the capital were joined by an odd procession of rollerbladers, skaters and dizzy (0) virgins. As one seasoned biker friend put it: 'The bomb-dodgers have arrived.'

I found my dodge that August at a car-boot sale. A (Q6) that couldn't help but divide opinion – strangely enough, after everyone came to the same conclusion 'It's, um ... pink.'

Two years was enough. But the Vespa is well named – once you're stung by the wasp you'll never forget it.

So it was, after a few months of fending off withdrawal symptoms, that I volunteered to test drive the (Q7) a bike which aims to become the Vespa of the 21st century – with an altogether softer

sting in the tail. For the PS is (Q8)

The concept on which it is based is simple. Charge the bike for four hours on a standard mains point, via its portable adapter, and you've put 20 – 25 miles 'in the tank'. Each 30 miles will add just 9p to your electricity bill, which gives you 1,000 miles of emission-free motoring for just £3. And with no internal combustion engine, you can bank on fewer pit stops and running repairs.

There are already 30,000 Powascoters on Britain's roads – and they're up and running on national grids from Iceland to Australia. But the chances are you've never noticed one. Because this is (Q9) Turn the ignition key, twist the throttle and you're away. There's no clunking kickstart, no throaty misfiring on chilly mornings. If the 1500w motor emits anything, it's the slight whoosh of a milk

float. Out on the road, this can make for an almost eerie experience. Pull away from a junction and watch the heads on the pavement turn. (Q10), they're thinking. How is it moving? While the tranquillity heightens your awareness of the surrounding traffic, the smoothness is, at times, so soporific I almost dozed off.

The PS is (Q11) as it is on the environment (and the leccy) the slightly dropped handlebars and deep-drum speedo and rev counter crown a smart front end, while chrome fittings and yellow dials add a handsome gloss to the metallic bodywork.

But this strong, smart bike is not without its teething problems. Flat dwellers whose extension lead won't stretch a storey or two will have to get to work early for that (Q12) beside a plug point. The charger adds a mini-backpack of its own to your day bag, and while

acceleration is impressive – with pincer-sharp braking to match – I could never quite (Q13) the 30mph top speed.

So, an early model with a degree of waking up to do.

But the promise of the PS hit home one August evening in Camden.

Buffeted by 4x4s and screaming people carriers, I pulled up at the lights and watched the heads

turn outside the Grand Union bar. These days, even in Britain’s more self-conscious postcodes, it’s not just what you’re driving but what you’re not driving that counts.

A	an almost silent bike
B	wring out of it
C	classic 1982 Vespa
D	scooter
E	No noise
F	Connect the scooter
G	Powascooter PS 168
H	parking space
I	turn outside
J	as easy on the eye
K	an electric scooter

0	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13
<i>D</i>								

Task 3

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Read the text below. Parts of the text have been removed. Choose the correct part (A-H) for the gaps (14-18). There are two extra parts that you should not use. Write your answers in the boxes provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

Kakadu's Habitats

Savanna woodlands

Travelling anywhere in Kakadu, you can't help but notice the woodlands which make up nearly eighty percent of the park. Consisting mostly of eucalyptus and tall grasses, at first glance they might seem lifeless and monotonous. However, (0) than any other habitat in the park.

Monsoon forests

Unlike the expansive woodlands, monsoon forests occur in small, isolated patches. Fruit-eating birds and flying foxes help to link the plants in these isolated pockets of forest together (Q14)

Southern hills and ridges

In the south of the park, hills and broken ridge lines are the result of millions of years of erosion. The unusual geology of this area is reflected in the diversity of habitats and the presence of plants and animals (Q15)

Stone country

To the east of the Kakadu Highway (Q16) It ranges in height from 30 metres to 300 metres. In some areas the escarpment is being eroded by up to one metre every thousand years, leaving behind rock shelters and outliers like Ubirr and Nourlangie.

Floodplains and billabongs

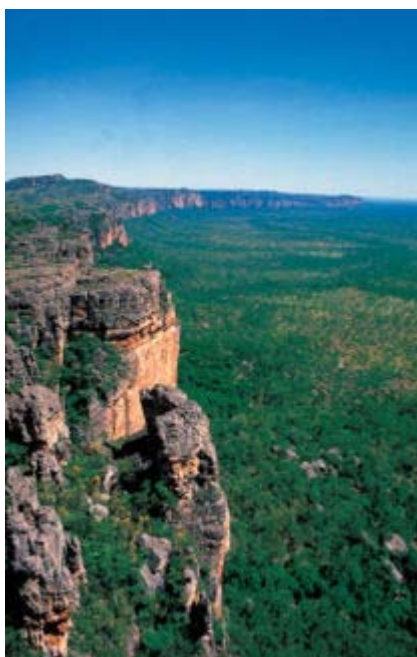
Floodplains such as the South Alligator floodplain visible from the Arnhem Highway undergo dramatic seasonal changes. Following wet season rains, (Q17) As the floodplains start to dry, waterbirds and crocodiles seek refuge in the remaining wet areas such as Yellow Water Billabong.

Tidal flats and coast

Kakadu protects almost 500 square kilometres of coastal and estuarine areas, as well as two islands. Most of these areas are lined with mangrove forests (Q18) Kakadu's wetlands, which include floodplains, billabongs, rivers, coastal and estuarine areas, are recognized internationally as being significant for migratory birds.

A	by dispersing pollen and seeds as they move around
B	a path leads up to an interesting Aboriginal rock art site
C	a sea of shallow freshwater spreads over the plains for hundreds of square kilometres
D	the woodlands support a greater variety of plants and animals
E	which form an important nursery for many fish including barramundi
F	the waterways can be dangerous due to strong currents and crocodiles
G	that do not occur anywhere else in the world
H	is the dominating sandstone escarpment of the Arnhem Land Plateau

0	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
<i>D</i>					



Task 4

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Read the text below, then complete the sentences (19-23) using a maximum of 4 words. Write your answers in the spaces provided. The first one (0) has been done for you.

A paradise for chocolate lovers



Hot chocolate is the main attraction at Kakao, a cafe in Berlin's hip Prenzlauer Berg neighborhood.

The cafe is called Kakao and the signature creation of the hip Berlin spot tastes nothing like the powder you spoon into a glass of microwaved milk. It's the kind of hot chocolate that Americans often refer to — some in wonderment — as resembling "a melted chocolate bar in a cup."

Since I have actually melted, then drunk, chocolate bars, I'd refute that: Kakao's concoction is better. The drink is rich enough that the water chaser it comes with is welcome. And thankfully, it's not topped with a load of whipped cream, just a touch of milk foam.

My personal favorite is the orange hot chocolate — 60 percent cocoa, 40 percent milk, with orange oil blended in. If you're a serious chocoholic, order the chocolate sandwich too (*kakao brot* — two thick slabs of crusty dark bread with melted butter and shaved chocolate on top) and for dessert, the *antipasti di cacao* — a presentation of fresh truffles and other chocolates.

And if you're not so crazy about the stuff, Kakao's menu does offer a few non-chocolate desserts and snacks. There's an

apple pie that is really packed with apples. The vanilla ice cream is flecked with bean and tastes fantastic — this from someone who doesn't like vanilla (I tried my friend's).

I was pleasantly surprised on one visit when I really needed to counter all the sugar with something more solid. The "bread and cheese" the barista said was available (after a sort of worried poke in the fridge) turned out to be thick slices of brown bread with two different kinds of hard cheese, rucola and fat olives on the side.

In the summertime, it's nice to sit on the narrow sidewalk and watch Berlin's trendiest young families go by. (Prenzlauer Berg has a reputation, built on somewhat suspect statistics, as Germany's most fertile few blocks. It's also just a very hip neighborhood.)

If you eat inside, head to the small back room. There you can lounge on square ottomans by low dark tables and lean back against walls padded with gold, gray, and yes, chocolate-colored cushions. Plan your world travels with the carved map on the ceiling; solid red shows where cocoa beans grow; red circles pinpoint the countries in which the citizens eat all that chocolate.

0	Kakao's hot chocolate reminds one of - _____.	<i>a melted chocolate bar</i>
Q19	Kakao's hot chocolate is served with _____ to follow.	
Q20	The cocoa drink the author prefers is different because it contains _____.	
Q21	For those people who are not that keen on chocolate, one alternative is _____.	
Q22	Somebody who doesn't like sweet things might order _____.	
Q23	To find out details about cocoa production customers just study the _____.	