

TEST 2

**I/ Reading comprehension:** (6 marks)

**A Day out**  
**By Maire Mc Guigan**

- 1/ It was a lovely spring morning when Maire and her friend Lyn set out to climb a mountain. They decided to climb Ben Nevis, as it is the highest mountain in Scotland.
- 2/ Maire and Lyn got into their smart sports car and drove up to Fort William where they set off down Glen Nevis. They were soon on their way up the Ben. The higher they climbed, the colder it became. The sun disappeared into the mist and snow began to fall.
- 3/ Maire was scared and wanted to go home. The snow covered the track leaving the girls lost, cold and frightened.
- 4/ They thought they were going to freeze to death on the mountain side. Luckily, Maire had her mobile phone with her and managed to call for help.
- 5/ The mountain rescue team reached them just in time to save them from freezing to death. The rescue team took them to a posh hotel where they had a lovely dinner and then danced all night.
- 6/ They got home the next day and told everyone what a smashing time they had in Fort William.

BBC- Skillwise- Your Stories- January  
2008-Story five

**I/ Comprehension questions**

**A/ Tick (✓) the correct alternative:** (1 mark)

- 1/ The text is about:
  - a) A day out that ended sadly.
  - b) An adventure two girls had on a mountain.
  - c) A trip to the seaside.
- 2/ "a posh hotel" (Para.5) means:
  - a) cheap
  - b) ordinary
  - c) splendid and comfortable.

**B/ Complete with phrases from the text:** (1 mark)

Ben Nevis is the..... The higher Maire and her friend climbed it, .....

**C/ Correct the following false statements with details from the text:** (1,5 marks)

- 1/ While climbing the mountain, the two girls enjoyed the sunshine.  
.....
- 2/ The two girls were saved by two men climbing the mountain.  
.....
- 3/ The two girls spent the night in the police station.  
.....

**D/ How did Maire and Lyn get to Fort William? (0,5 mark)**

**E/ Find synonyms for the following words from the text: (1 mark)**

1/ To begin a journey (para.2): .....

2/ excellent (para.6):.....

**F/ What do the following underlined words in the text refer to? (1mark)**

1/ where (para.2): .....

2/ them (para.5): .....

**II/ language: (8 marks)**

**1/ Fill in the blanks with 6 from the 8 words in the list: (3 marks)**

Delicious – party – invite – songs – candles – decorate – send – celebration

Clara is going to celebrate her birthday.....next week. She is going to ask her cousin to help her to ..... her room. Her mother is going to make little pizzas and a.....birthday cake her father is going to buy drinks, some food and twelve birthday..... Her sister is going to.....e-mails to all Clara's friends to.....them to the party.

**2/ put the bracketed verbs in the right tense and form: (2,5 marks)**

Every Saturday, the Wilsons (to go) ..... to the (to shop) ..... center. Last Saturday, they (to go) ..... to the supermarket. They bought vegetables and fish, then when they (to feel) .....hungry, they drove to the restaurant for lunch where they ate a (to taste) ..... food.

**3/ Circle the correct alternative: (2,5 marks)**

Diana: Hi Celia! (How long / How / How often) was your trip to the USA?

Celia: It was fantastic. I really enjoyed it.

Diana: Was the weather ok?

Celia: Yes, it was always (sun / sunny / sunshine).

Diana: Oh! Great! (How many / How far / How long) did you stay there?

Celia: Three weeks.

Diana: Did you buy (any / no / much) souvenirs?

Celia: Yes, some (food / services / presents) and postcards for my friends

**III/ Writing (6 marks)**

Your classmate Anis wants to join a sports club, but his parents refuse. They think he will waste his time and his school results will suffer. He asks you to write a letter to his parents to convince them of the importance of sport to keep fit and the possibility to reconcile education with sport. Write the letter.

Dear Mr and Mrs.....

.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....  
.....

# CORRECTION

## **I/ Reading comprehension**

A/ 1/ b 2/ c

B/ highest mountain in Scotland / the colder it became.

C/ 1/ The sun disappeared into the mist and snow began to fall.

2/ The mountain rescue team reached them just in time to save them from freezing to death.

3/ The rescue team took them to a posh hotel.

D/ They got to Fort William by their sports car.

E/ 1/ set off 2/ smashing

F/ 1/ Fort William 2/ Maire and her friend Lyn.

## **III/ Language: (8 marks)**

1/ party – decorate – delicious – candles – send – invite

2/ go – shopping – went – felt – tasty

3/ How / sunny / How long / any / presents

## **III/ Writing: (6 marks)**

- Here you are supposed to write a letter of advice and persuasion. You persuade your friend's parents to let Anis join a club. You should give some arguments:
  - to practise sports to keep fit
  - you become more sociable and self-confident
  - you can make new friends through sports.
- You can also convince them by speaking about yourself: you practise sport and you are top of your class.
- Try to assure them that Anis can reconcile his education with sport very well and that his results will not suffer.
- Here are some structures you can use:
  - No one can deny the importance of practising sport.
  - I understand your worries about your son, but be sure...
  - I'm certain he can reconcile...
  - He is old enough to assume his responsibility
  - You shouldn't be pushy...
  - I beg you to have faith in your son...
  - Give him a chance and I'm sure...
  - Don't worry about Anis, he is a good pupil.
  - You shouldn't deprive your son of his right to.