



Nro. De Control :

LEVEL 4

PART 2 - READING COMPREHENSION

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Estimated time needed: 40 minutes

Exercise 1 – Questions 1-5

- Look at the text in each question. What does it say?. Circle the correct option A, B or C.

- 1) A - Tickets for the disco can be collected after tomorrow.
 B - It is possible to reserve a disco ticket if you do so by tomorrow.
 C - Reserved tickets for the disco must be paid for today.

SATURDAY'S DISCO
*There aren't any tickets left.
 Anyone who ordered a ticket
 and hasn't given me the money
 should do so before tomorrow.*
José Martín

- 2) A - Press the button after the doors close.
 B - Press the button while the doors are closing.
 C - Press the button to close the lift doors.

**WAIT FOR LIFT DOORS
 TO CLOSE BEFORE PRESSING
 THE BUTTON**

- 3) What does Fátima want Pablo to do?
 A - return the scarf he borrowed.
 B - lend her a scarf.
 C - look for the borrowed scarf.

TO: Pablo
 FROM: Fátima
 Did I leave a scarf in your house?
 The problem is it's not mine- I
 borrowed it and I must give it back.

- 4) Eva’s Spanish class
 A - will not be in the evening this week.
 B - will be a day later than normal.
 C - will no longer be on Thursday.

MESSAGE

Eva- your Spanish class is on Friday evening this week instead of Thursday, starting 15 minutes earlier than usual.

- 5) A - You can use this medicine up to one month after opening it.
 B - This bottle contains enough medicine for one month.
 C - Unopened bottles of medicine must be thrown away within one month.

**THROW AWAY ANY REMAINING
 MEDICINE WITHIN ONE MONTH
 OF OPENING THIS BOTTLE**

Exercise 2 – Questions 6-10

- The five people below are looking for a book to buy. There are also eight book reviews. Decide which book would be the most suitable for each person. For questions 6 to 10 mark the correct letter A to H in the box. There are **3 extra options**.

6)



Ali enjoys reading crime stories which are carefully written so that they hold his interest right to the end. He enjoys trying to guess who the criminal really is while he is reading.

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7)



Mónica is a history teacher in London. She enjoys reading about the history of people in other parts of the world and how events changed their lives.

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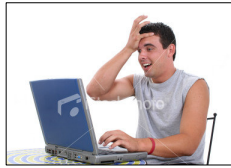
8)



Silvia likes reading true stories which people have written about themselves. She’s particularly interested in people who have had unusual or difficult lives.

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9)



Daniel is a computer salesman who spends a lot of time travelling abroad on planes. He enjoys detective stories which he can read easily as he gets interrupted a lot.

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10)



Takumi doesn't have much free time so he reads short stories which he can finish quickly. He likes reading stories about ordinary people and the things that happen to them in today's world.

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RECOMMENDED NEW BOOKS

<p>A)- LONDON ALIVE This author of many famous novels has now turned to writing short stories with great success. The stories tell of Londoners' daily lives and happen in eighteen different places- for example, one story takes place at a table in a café, another in the back of a taxi and another in a hospital.</p>	<p>B)- BURNHAM'S GREAT DAYS Joseph Burnham is one of Britain's best-loved painters these days, but I was interested to read that during his lifetime it was not always so. Art historian Peter Harvey looks at how Burnham's work attracted interest at first but then became less popular.</p>
<p>C)- THE MISSING PHOTOGRAPH Another story about the well-known policeman, Inspector Manning. It is written in the same simple but successful way as the other Manning stories- I found it a bit disappointing as I guessed who the criminal was halfway through!</p>	<p>D)- GONE WEST A serious look at one of the least-known regions of the United States. The author describes the empty villages which thousands left when they were persuaded by the railway companies to go West in search of new lives. The author manages to provide many interesting details about their history.</p>
<p>E)- THE LETTER The murder of a television star appears to be the work of thieves who are quickly caught. But they escape from prison and a young lawyer says she knows who the real criminals are. Written with intelligence, this story is so fast-moving that it demands the reader's complete attention.</p>	<p>F)- LET ME TELL YOU... The twenty stories in this collection describe the lives of different people who were born in London in 1825. Each story tells the life history of a different person. Although they are not true, they gave me a real feeling for what life used to be like for the ordinary person.</p>
<p>G)- THE LAST JOURNEY John Reynolds' final trip to the African Congo two years ago unfortunately ended in his death. For the first time since then, we hear about where he went and what happened to him from journalist Tim Holden, who has followed Reynolds' route.</p>	<p>H)- FREE AT LAST! Matthew Hunt, who spent half his life in jail for a crime he did not do, has written the moving story of his lengthy fight to be set free. Now out of prison, he has taken the advice of a judge to describe his experiences in a book.</p>

Exercise 3 – Questions 11-20

- Look at the sentences below about a journey to the Arctic on board a ship. Read the text and decide if the sentences are TRUE or FALSE.

- 11- This trip is for people who like peace and quiet.
- 12- Many different activities are organised on board.
- 13- The voyage begins in Scotland.
- 14- The ship follows a fixed route.
- 15- There are different types of accommodation.
- 16- Passengers serve themselves in the dining room.
- 17- Whales can be seen in the morning near Tromso.
- 18- There are some examples of traditional buildings in Tromso.
- 19- The ship stays overnight in Tromso.
- 20- Bear Island used to be a busy fishing centre.

EXPLORING THE ARCTIC



The Arctic is one of the few places in the world untouched by pollution where you can see nature at its wildest and most beautiful. Join our ship The Northern Star from 2 to 18 July, for a 17-day voyage to the Arctic. During the voyage you are able to relax and get away from it all. There are no parties or film-shows to attend, quizzes to enter, or entertainers to watch. However, we do

have specialists on board who are willing to answer any of your questions about the Arctic and who will talk about the animals and birds that you see on the trip.

After setting off from Scotland, we go north along the coast of Norway to Bear Island. Along the way you'll see thousands of seabirds and wonderful scenery, with rivers of ice and huge cliffs. You will have the chance to see reindeer, polar bears, and other Arctic animals. Although we have a timetable, experience has shown that we may have to change our direction a little, depending on the weather and which animals appear.

The Northern Star is a very special ship and our past voyages have been very popular. Our cabins all have the same excellent facilities, which include a private bathroom and refrigerator. Our chefs are happy to prepare any food for people on special diets. Choose just what you want to eat from the wide variety available from the dining room buffet. There is a library, shop, clinic and plenty of space for relaxation. If you need some exercise, why not go jogging every morning around the decks, or do some swimming in the indoor pool.

Prices include economy class air travel and 16 nights on board the Northern Star, all meals and excursions and all lectures.

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| <u>Day 1</u> | Board the Northern Star. |
| <u>Days 2-7</u> | We sail slowly north along the coast of Norway, stopping at places of interest. |
| <u>Day 8</u> | Tromso. You need to get up at sunrise to see the whales as we sail towards Tromso. Visit Tromso to see the Arctic Museum, the cathedral and the beautiful old wooden houses. In the evening we sail away along the west coast to Bird Island., which is excellent for bird-watching. |
| <u>Day 9-10</u> | Bear Island. We arrive here in the early evening and stay overnight. Bear Island once had an active fishing industry, but today little of this remains. We will explore the island, looking out for Arctic flowers. |
| <u>Day 11-16</u> | Spitsbergen. A place of mountains and rivers of ice, it is home to a large variety of animals. |
| <u>Day 17</u> | Leave the ship in Spitsbergen and fly to London from Tromso. |

KEY TO READING COMPREHENSION. LEVEL 4.

- **Exercise 1**

- 1) C
- 2) A
- 3) C
- 4) B
- 5) A

- **Exercise 2**

- 6) E
- 7) D
- 8) H
- 9) C
- 10) A

- **Exercise 3**

- 11) TRUE
- 12) FALSE
- 13) TRUE
- 14) FALSE
- 15) FALSE
- 16) TRUE
- 17) TRUE
- 18) TRUE
- 19) FALSE
- 20) TRUE

1 point each correct answer. **Total: 20 points.**