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BURSA ULUDAĞ ÜNİVERSİTESİ
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BİREYSEL ÇALIŞMA MERKEZİ

Material R/No: 1

READING COMPREHENSION

A. Read the text and answer the questions.

THE LAND ROVER

In 1998 the Rover Company's Land Rover, one of the most famous cars in the world, celebrated its 50th birthday. But not many people know that its success was a surprise to the company.

The idea was born when the Wilks brothers, who lived on the Welsh island of Anglesey, wanted a cheap but strong vehicle to travel around their farm. They copied the design of the American 'Willy's Jeep.'

At that time the Rover car company had problems. In Britain after the war, people did not have enough money to buy Rover's luxury cars, so the company decided to use the Wilks brothers' idea to make a little money for a few years.

Cars are usually made of steel but this was very expensive then, so Rover used aluminum, which was cheaper. There was a lot of aluminum because war planes were made of it. The design was very basic and uncomfortable, but strong - 'a tractor with a passenger seat'!

When the first Land Rover was shown to the world at the Amsterdam Motor Show in 1948, it was an instant success. It was perfect for farmers and construction companies because it could go to places where no other car could go.

Because of the Land Rover, the Rover Company became stronger and started producing luxury cars again. They listened to their customers' ideas, and made changes to the design in 1958, 1972 and 1983. It became more comfortable and safer, but could still take you over fields, up mountains, into rivers and across deserts.

Nowadays millions of people prefer the Land Rover 'Discovery' and 'Freelander' to Toyotas and Jeeps. The Wilks brothers would never believe it!

1. When was the Land Rover first produced?
a. 1948 b. 1958 c. 1918
2. Did the Rover Company think it would be popular?
a. Yes b. Don't know c. No
3. Why did the Wilks brothers need a car like a Jeep?
a. To copy an American car.
b. To make a little money.
c. To travel around their farm.
4. Why did people stop buying Rover's luxury cars?
a. Because the company decided to make a little money.
b. Because they didn't have enough money.
c. Because the company had problems.
5. Why weren't Land Rovers made of steel?
a. Because it was very expensive.
b. Because the farmers didn't like it.
c. Because the design was strong.
6. What were war planes made of?
a. Aluminum b. Steel c. A basic design
7. What happened at the Amsterdam Motor Show?
a. The Land Rover could go there.
b. All the world went there.
c. The Land Rover was first shown and was a success.
8. Why did farmers like it?
a. Because it was made for construction companies.
b. Because it could go to places where other cars couldn't.
c. Because it was like other cars
9. Why was a 1983 Land Rover better?
a. Because it became more comfortable and safer.
b. Because the customers changed the design.
c. Because it could take you into rivers and across deserts.
10. What are some Land Rovers called today?
a. Millions of people prefer them.
b. The Wilks brothers wouldn't believe it.
c. 'Discovery' and 'Freelander.'



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B. Read the text and answer the questions.

THE STORY OF A TOWN

Brighton is the largest seaside resort in the south-east of England.

At first the town was a fishing village and did not become popular until about 1800. Rich people began to visit Brighton in large numbers and when King George IV decided to build a house there, it became very fashionable. The King continued to visit it until 1827, but Queen Victoria did not like the house. It is open to the public every day and there is a special exhibition there in the summer.

Brighton offers all kinds of entertainment, from concerts and plays in the theatre to local attractions like the Aquarium.

The area of old houses known as The Lanes is a very attractive shopping center, where visitors can buy souvenirs and antiques. The houses were once lived in by fishermen but have now been converted into shops. Not far from The Lanes is a modern shopping center with licensed restaurants and tables outdoors where you can enjoy a drink in good weather.

Brighton is within easy reach of London and has been a popular day out for Londoners for many years.

1. When did Brighton begin to be popular with tourists?
 - a. After 1800
 - b. When Queen Victoria arrived.
 - c. When houses were built.
 - d. When King George IV arrived.
2. Why did the town become popular?
 - a. Because it's on the sea.
 - b. Because the King built a house there.
 - c. Because it was a fishing village.
 - d. Because Queen Victoria liked it.
3. When can you visit King George IV's house?
 - a. Only at the weekends.
 - b. You can't. It's a private house.
 - c. Whenever you like.
 - d. Only in the summer.
4. What things does the text say you can do in Brighton?
 - a. Visit the fisherman.
 - b. Buy antiques and souvenirs.
 - c. Visit the cinema and the theatre.
 - d. Fish, shop and swim.
5. What did Queen Victoria think about the King's house?
 - a. She thought it was fashionable.
 - b. She didn't like it.
 - c. She decide to stop going in 1827.
 - d. She loved it.
6. How have the fishermen's cottages changed?
 - a. They are very fashionable now.
 - b. They are nearer to London now.
 - c. They are shops now.
 - d. They are restaurants now.
7. What kind of buildings are in The Lanes?
 - a. Converted houses.
 - b. Modern shops.
 - c. Old pubs.
 - d. New houses.
8. What does the text say you can do near The Lanes in fine weather?
 - a. Sit outside for lunch.
 - b. Buy souvenirs
 - c. Buy antiques.
 - d. Go to concerts.
9. How long do many people from London stay in Brighton?
 - a. A week.
 - b. One day.
 - c. A weekend.
 - d. A month.
10. Which of these is true?
 - a. Brighton is the same size as London.
 - b. Brighton is the biggest town on the coast of England.
 - c. No resort in south-east England is bigger than Brighton.
 - d. Brighton is the biggest town in south-east England.



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MAIN IDEA

C. Read each paragraph carefully. What is the main idea of each paragraph? Choose the best answer.

1. Juan loves to play games. His favorite game is chess because it requires a great deal of thought. Juan also likes to play less demanding board games that are based mostly on luck. He prefers Monopoly because it requires luck and skill. If he's alone, Juan likes to play action video games as long as they aren't too violent.

- a. Juan dislikes violence.
- b. Juan likes to think.
- c. Juan enjoys Monopoly.
- d. Juan enjoys playing games.

2. Maria is watching too much television. A toddler shouldn't be spending hours staring blankly at a screen. Worse yet, some of her wild behavior has been inspired by those awful cartoons she watches. We need to spend more time reading books with her and pull the plug on the TV!

- a. Watching a lot of television isn't good for Maria.
- b. Books are good.
- c. All cartoons are bad.
- d. Some cartoons are bad for Maria.

3. Samantha, I can't eat or sleep when you are gone. I need to hear your scratchy voice and see your lovely toothless smile. I miss that special way that you eat soup with your fingers. Please come home soon!

- a. Samantha, you have bad manners.
- b. Samantha, you should see a dentist.
- c. Samantha, I miss you.
- d. Samantha, I have lost my appetite.

4. Someday we will all have robots that will be our personal servants. They will look and behave much like real humans. We will be able to talk to these mechanical helpers and they will be able to respond in kind. Amazingly, the robots of the future will be able to learn from experience. They will be smart, strong, and untiring workers whose only goal will be to make our lives easier.

- a. Someday we will all have robots that will be our personal servants.
- b. We will be able to talk to these mechanical helpers and they will be able to respond in kind.
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ANSWER KEY:

- A. 1.A 2.C 3.C 4.B 5.A 6.A 7.C 8.B 9.A 10.C
B. 1.A 2.B 3.C 4.B 5.B 6.C 7.A 8.A 9.B 10.C
C. 1.D 2.A 3.C 4.A

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