Reading Comprehension

**Time: 45 minutes**

**Task 1**

***Make one text putting the paragraphs A-E into the correct order from 1-5***

***in your*** ***answer sheet.***

**A**  Finally, the wonderful school has the wonderful director, Ant de Boer. He wants his students to learn that it is very important to care for nature. The school motto says: Southern Cross aims to be a ‘School for the Planet’. And it really does!

**B**  In one lesson, students apply the principles of mathematics to the study of local wildlife. Younger students count how many kinds of animals drank at the nearby river during the night. Older students measure how much water the animals drank.

**C** Look around your classroom. Do you see students sitting at desks? Are teachers writing on a board and giving lectures? At Southern Cross School, near the famous Kruger National Park in South Africa, things are different.

**D**  After math, in language classes students usually talk. In one recent debate, students discussed an important question: should people give water to wild animals during a dry season?

**E**  Both the park and the school are home to wild animals such as giraffes, impalas, and wild pigs. Students at the school study the same subjects as other students in South Africa. But at Southern Cross the teachers and students go out into the wild to learn.

**Task 2**

***Now read the text again. For items 6-10 match the ending of each sentence (A-E) to its beginning. There is one extra ending you do not need to use.***

**6.** Southern Cross is close to…

**7.** Southern Cross is different from most schools…

**8.** To learn mathematics, students at Southern Cross…

**9.** To improve their language skills, students at Southern Cross…

**10.** The Southern Cross school wants students to…

**A.** might have a debate or a conversation about nature.

**B.** take care of the environment.

**C.** Kruger National Park in South Africa.

**D.** might count how many animals drank at the river.

**E.** because students often have lessons in the wild.

**F.** take care of animals in dry season.

**Task 3**

***For questions 11-20 read the text “The Ring and the fish” and decide whether the information in the sentences is right (A), wrong (B) or not stated (C) in this text. Circle the correct letter in your answer sheet.***

Victor and Anita, who live in Italy, are the happiest couple in the world. Two years ago, they were on a boat a few kilometres from the beach. Victor asked Anita to marry him and he gave her a nice gold ring. He wanted to put the ring on Anita’s finger, but he dropped it and it fell into the sea. They were sure the ring was lost forever.

That is, until last Friday, when Mr. Morrison visited them. He has a fish shop and he found the ring in a large fish which he was cutting up for one of his customers. The fish thought the ring was something to eat! Mr. Morrison knew that the ring belonged to Victor and Anita because inside the ring there were some words. They were, ‘To *Anita, All my love, Victor.*’ And so Mr. Morrison gave the ring back to them.

Anita now has two rings. When they lost the first one, Victor bought Anita another one. But they think the one the fish ate is the best one.

11. Victor and Anita’s home is in Rome.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

12. Victor asked Anita to marry him when they were on a boat.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

13. Victor put the gold ring on Anita’s finger.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

14. They returned from their boat trip without the ring.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

15. Mr Morrison often visited Victor and Anita.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

16. Mr Morrison caught the fish.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

17. Mr Morrison found the ring when he ate the fish.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

18. Mr Morrison didn’t want to give the ring back to Victor and Anita.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

19. Victor bought another ring to Anita a month after the boat trip.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

20. Victor and Anita like the first ring more.

A Right B Wrong C Not stated

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Use of English

**Time: 20 minutes**

**Task 1**

***For questions 1-10 read the text below and decide which word (A or B) fits the space best. There is an example (0) done for you.***

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| ***0*** | ***A*** |

Nowadays a lot of people fly by plane. Flying by plane is fast and comfortable.

How **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (0)** can you fly from France **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1)** England? In 2008, ‘Jet Man’ Yves Rossy made the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2)** in only 13 minutes. He designed and used a special jet wing. With the jet wing on his back, he jumped from a plane 2,500 meters **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (3)** the air. Rossy had to be very **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4)** as it was clear that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (5)** jet wing couldn’t **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (6)** on water, but he came down safely on a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7)** near the city of Dover. He worked on the jet wing for more **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8)** 15 years, and people **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (9)** several countries shared ideas with **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (10).**

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|  | **A** | fast  | **B** | fastly |
|  | **A** | in  | **B** | to |
|  | **A** | trip | **B** | travel |
|  | **A** | on | **B** | in |
|  | **A** | polite | **B** | careful |
|  | **A** | a | **B** | the |
|  | **A** | land | **B** | landed |
|  | **A** | plain | **B** | plane |
|  | **A** | than | **B** | then |
|  | **A** | of | **B** | from |
|  | **A** | him | **B** | his |

**Task 2**

**For each sentence11-15 find a notice (A-H). There are 2 extra notices you do not need to use. There is an example (0) done for you.**

Example:

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| ***0*** | ***F*** |
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| **0**. You can eat here in the mornings.  |
| **11.** You should not swim here. |
| **12.** You must not drive fast here. |
| **13**. You can play football here after lessons. |
| **14.** It is cheaper to buy clothes today than tomorrow.  |
| **15**. You can drive here only next week. |
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