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B ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2016 – READING TEST

Task 1.

According to the extract below, decide if the following statements are true or false. Put a circle round the letter T if the statement is true; if the statement is false, put a circle round the letter F. One example has been done for you. **16 points**

0. The main character mentioned in the story is called Bert.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> T / F
1. Bert died two years after winning the lottery.	T / F
2. He spent some of the money on a new car.	T / F
3. He only gave his daughter \$ 500.	T / F
4. Sally thinks that Bert ate himself to death.	T / F
5. The psychologist says that people find it rather difficult when they have to face big changes in their lives.	T / F
6. One person left the country partly because of her relatives	T / F
7. A husband and wife bought a winning lottery ticket together and then he left her.	T / F
8. Freddie MacMehon lost his mind when the people at his office did not want to let him buy a lottery ticket with them.	T / F

Two years ago Bert Dunstan won \$12,000,000 on the National Lottery. Today he is dead. The 53-year-old factory worker was found lying lifeless on the sofa at his home last weekend.

When Bert won his fortune, he immediately gave up his \$200-a-week job at the local chocolate factory and bought a luxurious new house. However, he did not immediately head for the sun on a Caribbean holiday or a round-the-world cruise, as others have done; instead, he packed his family of seven into one of his new cars and took them camping in Canada.

Bert always liked his food and, instead of giving his only daughter, Sally, part of his winnings, he employed her as a full-time cook on a salary of \$ 500 a week. "I used to cook him three big meals every day: burgers, steak and chips were his favourites." But Sally doesn't think Bert died through overeating: "He just seemed to lose interest in life."

Chloe Godwin, a psychologist who specialises in the effects that winning a large amount of money can have on people, says "For some people the most terrible thing that can happen to them is change. This is why people have problems when they get married or pass exams. It is nice to win a few thousand pounds, but you shouldn't have so much that you move too far away from the life you've got. Certainly other lottery winners have had their problems: one of them left the country because of the publicity and because her family were fighting over the money. Another left his wife of 40 years and gave her nothing – the ticket was in HIS name, after all!

Losing can be just as bad, though: Freddie McMahon actually went mad when a group of people at his office won the jackpot – and he had refused to join them the week before.
So, whichever way you look at it, you just can't win!

Task 2.

Match the following extracts (A – K) from newspaper and magazine articles to the appropriate headings (1 – 12). You will not use one of the headings. 22 points

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| 1. How to Be an Astronaut | 7. Risky Jobs |
| 2. Lego | 8. Not Violent Enough for Viewers |
| 3. The Solar System | 9. Responsible Tourism |
| 4. Velocity and the Tricycle | 10. High Time for Skyscrapers |
| 5. Fashion Show | 11. Baseball – America's Pastime |
| 6. Vocabulary Practice Games | 12. Yellow Fever |

A) Whether or not such a building would stand up longer in a crash and fire, one would hope that its thick concrete core would better protect the exit stairs and elevators than the Twin Tower's gypsum board.

B) Although now often played with sophisticated equipment, in huge stadiums by players earning millions of dollars, the basic rules and unhurried pace are the same.

C) It can provide these health benefits without intense straining or profuse sweating, and without the pounding of joints and risk of injury found in sports such as tennis, basketball, soccer, and running.

D) People who live in infected areas can be vaccinated with a live virus vaccine against the disease.

E) In any case, before you send in your application, be sure you meet the minimum qualifications.

F) Finally, look at the glamorous touches – long lines of sequins (like shiny fish scales); long ropes of glittery rhinestones (= not real diamonds); and beautiful embroidery (=needlework) in exactly the same shade as the fabric.

G) Before you go, get as much information as possible and educate yourself about customs, language, art, etc. of the region/country you are planning to visit.

H) It is widely admired by developmental psychologists, who recognise the scope it offers children for invention and experiment, and by parents, who enjoy the resulting quiet absorption of their children.

I) Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the house exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion.

J) After their formation, Earth and the other planets were bombarded by travellers from space. These travellers were meteorites, composed of material left over from the formation of planets.

K) Although they are recreational activities by nature whose main purpose is enjoyment, in the language learning process their purpose is to reinforce what has already been taught.

Task 3.

In the text below find individual words which best correspond with the following definitions. One example has been done for you. 12 points

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| 0. a domestic animal which can be milked | <u>cow</u> |
| 1. people working on a ship, an aircraft, an oil-rig, etc. | _____ |
| 2. remains of something that has been destroyed | _____ |
| 3. take another person's property secretly without permission or legal right | _____ |
| 4. load of goods carried in a ship or aircraft | _____ |
| 5. move quickly from a position, esp. into the air, by using the force of the legs and feet | _____ |
| 6. make contact with ground after being in the air | _____ |

A few years ago, the crew of a Japanese fishing boat were rescued from the wreckage of their boat in the Sea of Japan. They said that their boat had been sunk by a cow falling out of the sky. Nobody believed them. A few weeks later the Russian Air Force admitted that the crew of one of their planes had stolen a cow in Siberia, and put it into the plane's cargo hold.

At 30,000 feet the cow started to run around the plane out of control. The crew decided there was only one thing they could do. So, they opened the cargo door and the cow jumped out, landing on top of the Japanese fishing boat.