

PART 3

You are going to read a newspaper article about the Manx language. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A - H the one which fits each gap (16-21). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).

One Man's Quest to Revive the Ancient Gaelic Language of Manx

There are only two people in the world at present teaching the ancient Gaelic language, Manx. Brian Stowell, a physicist born on the Isle of Man, is one of them.

After a successful career in the sciences in Liverpool, he returned to the island with the intention of devoting the rest of his life to the revival of the Manx language. 0 ☐ C

Out of a population of 70,000, only about 50 islanders are fluent in Manx, and fewer than 700 can get by. "Manx as a community language is almost completely dead," complains Dr Stowell. So what is a language? 16 ☐

The death of a language destroys indigenous culture, kills national identity and ends a country's history. Preservation of a mother tongue is vital for any nation anxious to maintain its roots.

Manx (or Manx Gaelic) is an offshoot of Old Irish; its development reflects the island's tumultuous history. 17 ☐ Under the Vikings, who ruled the Isle of Man from 800 AD to 1266, it coexisted with Norse, having incorporated a few Scandinavian words. After the Viking era England and Scotland fought for control of the island, and England eventually won. In the 17th and

18th centuries, the Bible and the prayer book were translated into Manx by Bishops Phillips and Wilson. 18 ☐ At present, Manx is undergoing a revival. Road signs, many starting with Balla - meaning "farm" in Manx - are now a common sight. 19 ☐

"Moghrey mie!" - Good morning, wee folk! - Stowell says as we leave Douglas and drive across the Fairies' Bridge. One of the island's superstitions is that if you greet the fairies your journey will be a success. We are going to one of the island's 31 state schools where the Manx language is now taught.

20 ☐ In just 40 minutes the kids can easily communicate using a couple of dozen Manx words. At the end of the lesson Stowell tells the class a Manx legend about a black dog - *moddey doo* - near the ancient castle of Peel. "Anyone who sees this dog at dusk is going to die soon," he says.

A little girl raises her hand worriedly: "Mr Stowell, my auntie often walks her black dog near Peel Castle in the morning. ... Is that all right?" 21 ☐

- A But the 18th and 19th centuries saw a sharp decline in Manx.
- B A local radio station also broadcasts a weekly programme in Manx.
- C It was a formidable task, for the last native speaker on the island died 20 years ago.
- D Is it just a means of communication, or something more important?
- E On Saturday nights Stowell and other language enthusiasts meet in a pub to play Manx folk music and to speak the ancient tongue.
- F Before 500AD the Manx people spoke a Celtic language belonging to the same branch as Scottish.
- G "It's OK in the morning!" Brian Stowell says reassuringly - in Manx of course.
- H When Stowell and his colleague started the programme a year ago, they received thousands of applications from parents who wanted their children to study it.

PART 4

You are going to read some information about adult education courses. For questions 22-35, choose from the courses (A-I). Some of the courses may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Which course or courses would you recommend for someone who:

- enjoys making decorations for the home? 0 ☐ H
- wants to learn to do mechanical repairs? 22 ☐
- wants to learn a new language? 23 ☐
- is rather shy? 24 ☐
- wishes to get fit? 25 ☐
- wants to do a course leading to a qualification? 26 ☐ 27 ☐
- wants to learn a relaxing new hobby? 28 ☐ 29 ☐
- is only free in the morning? 30 ☐ 31 ☐
- wants to improve skills they already have? 32 ☐ 33 ☐
- wants to start working again? 34 ☐
- needs to learn about the new technology? 35 ☐

Adult Education Courses at Dale Community Centre

Computer Literacy A

It is often said that learning to use a computer is like learning a new language. In fact it is a lot easier than that. This two-term course will take you from the very basics through to more advanced skills - leading ultimately to the Intermediate Certificate in Computing. Whether you are a high-powered executive or an unemployed school-leaver, computing skills are an absolute essential in today's high-tech world. Your tutor, Mike Roland, has been working as a top systems analyst and general consultant at IBM for the past 8 years. Tuesdays and Thursdays 7pm - 8.30 pm.

Furniture Upholstery B

Ever wondered what to do with that tatty old armchair that looks a mess but which you can't bring yourself to throw out because it's just so comfortable? Give your furniture a new lease of life by re-covering it with a fabric of your choice. This therapeutic, money-saving pastime will provide you with hours of pleasant recreation - and it could transform your home! The course lasts one term and is taught by Jane Brown, a City and Guilds qualified upholsterer. Wednesdays 8pm - 9pm.

Typing and Shorthand C

How is your typing speed these days? Can you remember all the shorthand they taught you at secretarial college? If you've been out of the job market for a while and need to brush up on these skills, then this refresher course is the one for you. Just 3 one-hour lessons in a week will be enough to bring you back up to scratch - or better! The tutors on this course, Mel and Jo, will put you through your paces, and your fingers will be fit for work again in no time at all. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 6pm - 7pm.

Car Maintenance D

Say goodbye to enormous garage bills. In two terms you will learn everything, from basics, like changing a tyre and cleaning the air filter, to more advanced electrical trouble-shooting and even fitting a new exhaust. Alan Keyes, a retired mechanic, has been a favourite among students at the Dale for the past 8 years, and at 73 years of age is still going strong - much like his old Volkswagen! Mondays and Fridays 9pm - 10pm.

French for Beginners E

Have you ever been baffled in Brittany? Are you tired of being put down in Paris? Then this is the course for you. In just 12 one-hour lessons you will learn all the French you need to get by in the land of garlic, Gaultloises and frogs' legs. Asking directions, inquiring about accommodation, dealing with waiters, policemen or shopkeepers - you'll never be at a loss for

words amongst our cross-channel cousins again. Marie-Claire Bertillon, a French education student studying at our local university, has agreed to teach the course this term - so you can learn la langue romantique straight from the horse's mouth! Wednesdays 10am - 11am.

Self Defence for Women F

In these violent times it is becoming increasingly important for women to be able to protect themselves. It is a pity, then, that many women feel too intimidated to join in the macho world of Karate clubs and Kung Fu classes. That is why we are running this highly practical self-defence class exclusively for women. The instructor is Kiki Hardy, a highly qualified martial arts instructor, who will explain some simple but effective self-defence techniques, that will enable you to deal confidently with any potentially violent situation. Each session starts with a 15-minute workout to help you get in shape for combat. Mondays and Fridays 8pm - 9pm.

Advanced German G

For those who have reached a high level of fluency in the language, and want to take it still further, the Advanced German course offers the ideal opportunity. If you want to be able to relax with a novel by Thomas Mann or Gunter Grass in the original, or if you wish to attend a German university, then this 1-year course will take you to that level. The tutor is a successful German author and students who complete the year will be awarded a Certificate in Advanced German from the Institute of Linguists. Tuesdays and Thursdays 8.30pm - 10pm.

Flower Arranging H

Nothing brightens up a room like a vase of flowers. Learn how to make that bouquet look extra-special with Flora Pringle, the most experienced florist in the area. Two lessons a week for 3 weeks is all it takes to introduce you to this most beautiful and relaxing of pastimes. So don't be shy - come down to our office and enrol today to learn an art which will give you pleasure for a lifetime. Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm.

Assertiveness Training I

Do you feel intimidated by the men in your workplace? When talking with a man, do you find he dominates the conversation, making it difficult for you to get a word in edgeways? Perhaps you think you're just a naturally timid person, or that it is "unfeminine" to try to assert yourself? Not so. You, too, can gain the confidence that will put you on an equal footing with the men of this world. On this course you will learn to believe in yourself and the validity of your opinions; relaxation techniques; "masculine" conversational skills. All helping you to achieve the happiness and success that you deserve. Wednesdays and Fridays 10am - 11am.