

**PAPER 1 - READING**  
**PART 1**

You are going to read a magazine article about a common illness. Choose the most suitable heading from the list A-I for each part (1-7) of the article. There is one extra heading which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).

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| A Teenagers more at risk.                |
| B How safe is vaccination?               |
| C Double protection for school children. |
| D Are we in for another epidemic?        |
| E We can beat the epidemic.              |
| F Can it be treated?                     |
| G Who suffers?                           |
| H Many still in danger.                  |
| I Look out for these symptoms.           |

**PART 2**

You are going to read an extract from a short story. For questions 8-15, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

The two months I spent at Newport with Aunt Eliza Huell, who had been sent to the seaside for the benefit of her health, were the months that created all that is dramatic in my life. My aunt was difficult, for she was not only out of health, but involved in a lawsuit. She wrote to me, for we lived apart, asking me to accompany her - not because she was fond of me, or wished to give me pleasure, but because I was useful in various ways. Mother insisted I go, because she thought it was wise to be nice to her. Aunt Eliza was rich, and we were poor.

I gave my music pupils a longer and earlier holiday than usual, then started for New York. I arrived at her house in Bond Street at 7am, and found her servant James talking to the milkman. He told me that Miss Huell was very bad, and that the housekeeper was still in bed. I supposed that Aunt Eliza was also in bed, but I had hardly entered the house when I heard her bell ring as only she could ring it - with an impatient jerk. "She wants hot milk," said James, "and the man has just come."

I laid my hat down, and went into the kitchen. Greeting the cook, who was an old friend, I took a pan, into which I poured some milk, and held it over the gas until it was hot; then I carried it up to Aunt Eliza. "Here's your milk, Aunt Eliza. You have sent for me to help you, and I came at the earliest opportunity." "I looked for you an hour ago. Ring the bell." I rang it. "Your mother is well, I suppose. She would not have sent you, though, had she been sick in bed."

The housekeeper, Mrs Roll, came in and Aunt Eliza politely requested her to get breakfast ready for her niece as soon as possible. "I do not go down in the mornings yet," said Aunt Eliza, "but Mrs Roll is there. See that the coffee is good, Roll." "It is good generally, Miss Huell." "You see that Margaret brought me my milk." "H'm!" said Mrs Roll, marching out.

At the beginning of each visit to Aunt Eliza I was in the habit of thinking about the difference between her living style and ours. We lived from "hand to mouth". Everything about her wore a hereditary air; for she lived in my grandfather's house and it was the same as in his day. If I was at home when these differences occurred to me, I should have felt angry; as it was, I felt them as in a dream - the china, the silver, the old furniture and the excellent food soothed me.

My aunt asked if I wanted to make any addition to my wardrobe. I had none to make, I informed her. She asked me what my dresses were made of, and if I had a black silk one. I had no black silk, and thought one would be unnecessary for hot weather.

"Who ever heard of a girl of 24 having no black silk! You have flimsy muslins, I dare say?" "Yes." "And you like them?" "For present wear."

That afternoon she sent Mrs Roll out, who returned with silk for me. It was made up by Friday and trimmed with real lace.

## Measles

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As you may already have heard, there are fears of a major measles epidemic next year, affecting up to 200,000 children. Measles isn't just about suffering a few spots and a slight temperature. It can be a really miserable and even dangerous illness. And the worry is that the epidemic could cause thousands of serious complications - and even deaths. Fortunately, it can be stopped as a highly effective and safe vaccine is available. The Department of Health is about to launch the biggest immunisation campaign since the 1950's. This time round, every schoolchild from five to sixteen will be offered the vaccine. So why is measles so grim? And why is a vaccination so important?

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It starts like a feverish cold. The child feels really unwell and has a high temperature and a cough. After three or four days, red spots appear, usually starting on the head and neck, and spread over the body. The spots often join together to form big, red blotches and the glands are usually swollen. This lasts for four or five days and then fades as the fever and other symptoms subside.

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It can cause serious complications. Apart from middle ear infection, sinusitis and bronchitis, it can lead to pneumonia and, occasionally, inflammation of the brain - encephalitis. The illness is often worse in older children and teenagers, and they're more likely to suffer complications.

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Measles is caused by a virus, and cannot be cured by antibiotics, although a course may be necessary to deal with any bacteria that try to take advantage of the situation. The only treatment is rest, plenty to drink, and paracetamol to help bring down the fever.

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Vaccination gives more than 95 percent protection. The trouble is that mass vaccination was only started in 1988 and aimed at toddlers and pre-school children. This means that, in England alone, there are about eight million older children who've missed out and are therefore at risk.

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The vaccination antigens have been routinely used for more than 20 years. And adverse effects, like a high temperature or rash, are extremely unlikely. If a child is already immune, it will simply boost their immunity. Only a few children who have severe allergies should steer clear of the vaccine.

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The campaign starts in November. Teams of doctors and nurses throughout the country will go into every school, class by class, offering each child the vaccination. The double vaccine not only protects against measles, but also rubella (German measles), the virus that is particularly dangerous for pregnant women.

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Providing every child accepts the treatment, we'll have a whole generation of children who are immune to the disease. Most adults are already immune because they had measles as children, so there will be very few unprotected people left. The epidemic will be stopped in its tracks.

8 How did the two months with her aunt affect the narrator?

- A Made her bored.
- B Had a great influence on her life.
- C Made her rich.
- D Helped her meet her husband.

9 Why did her aunt want her to stay?

- A Because she liked her company.
- B Because she wanted to give her a holiday.
- C Because she was helpful to her.
- D Because she wanted her to meet her friends.

10 What did the narrator think about staying with her aunt?

- A She only did it because her mother wanted her to.
- B She did it because she liked her aunt's life-style.
- C She wanted to get away from her mother.
- D She did it because she hadn't got anything else to do.

11 How was her aunt when the narrator arrived at her house?

- A Bright and lively, and pleased to see her.
- B Still in ill health.
- C Screaming and shouting a lot.
- D Feeling much better.

12 How did the narrator know it was her aunt ringing the servants' bell?

- A Because she was the only person in the house.
- B Because her aunt rang it in a particular way.
- C Because she always rang at that time of day.
- D Because she always rang it when she heard visitors arrive.

13 What was her aunt's reaction when the narrator took her milk?

- A She was grateful.
- B She said it wasn't hot enough.
- C She said the narrator should have arrived an hour earlier.
- D She ignored her and the milk.

14 What was Mrs Roll's reaction to the news that the narrator had taken her aunt milk?

- A She was not very pleased.
- B She was glad she hadn't had to do it.
- C She did not believe it.
- D She thanked her politely.

15 What did the narrator think of her aunt's life-style?

- A She didn't enjoy it because it made her angry.
- B She was amazed by it.
- C She was angry because it was her grandfather's money.
- D She enjoyed it while she was staying with Aunt Eliza.