

**PART 3**

You are going to read an article about an ice-skater. Seven sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A-H) the one that 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).

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**We've given up everything to make our daughter a star**

June and Malcolm Harding spent their life savings on their first home, and thought they were set for life. But just over a year later, June handed the keys back to the estate agent. Since then they've also sold most of their furniture. 0  D

What started as a way to stop Kelly being bored in the summer holiday has become the focus of all their lives. She won her first competition after only 10 weeks of skating lessons. Soon after, Kelly's coach left Britain for Canada and her parting words changed the Harding's lives for ever. "Find the money to keep Kelly on the ice," she urged. "She'll go all the way to the top." From then on, there was no question - whatever it cost to make Kelly a winner, they'd find a way.

16  "I started skating when I was 10," June said. "I saved all the money I could for lessons by doing errands for neighbours. But Mum and Dad were poor and when Mum saved to buy me boots, Dad said that was it ... I never skated again. I wasn't going to let that happen to Kelly." They had to take Kelly out of school so she could practise more. As she was still only fourteen, they had to guarantee the local authorities she'd continue her studies until she was seventeen. 17

"I worked out we only got £500 for £5,000 worth of furniture - but at least it paid for some more lessons," said June. "The only things we kept were the TV and video because we can never afford to go out. Luckily, our new accommodation is furnished. We took our car off the road because we can't afford to run it. We haven't had a phone for four months, or a holiday in six years. 18

Despite being permanently poor, June and Malcolm have no doubt they're doing the right thing. "Just seeing Kelly on the ice, smiling and happy, makes it all worthwhile," her father said. 19

Kelly, now seventeen, was placed 13th in last year's junior championship and has won nearly thirty competitions so far. "I know I'm very lucky," she admits. 20  Her coach, a former British champion, is convinced she'll go far. "I think she'll make the Olympic squad in 1998," she said. "Kelly is an exceptional girl - gifted and very hardworking."

21  It's unlikely that her mum will ever see her win, though, because she gets too nervous to watch. "People think we're mad giving up everything," continues June, "but we believe in our daughter ... I'd do it all over again tomorrow."

- A "Mum and Dad have given up their own lives just for me and I'm determined not to let them down."
- B That meant the added cost of a private tutor at £140 a month.
- C Kelly now hopes to make the final three in the British Ice Skating Championship.
- D All to give their daughter Kelly the chance to become a world champion ice-skater.
- E The last time I bought a dress was for my son John's wedding last year.
- F June has her own reasons for wanting Kelly's success.
- G However, all these sacrifices have not been enough.
- H "Even if she doesn't make it, she'll have had the opportunity thousands of girls haven't."

**PART 4**

You are going to read some information about some parks and gardens. For questions 22-35, choose from the parks and gardens (A-H). Some of the parks and gardens may be used 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 park(s) or garden(s) would you recommend for someone who:

- enjoys listening to music? 0  E
- would like to see a natural-style area within a city? 22
- enjoys being on the water? 23
- wants a difficult walk so that they can keep fit? 24
- would like to see how an area hit by a disaster has been transformed into a park? 25
- likes flowers with a strong scent? 26  27
- wants to play tennis? 28  29
- likes rivers and canals? 30  31
- would like to go to a park named after royalty? 32  33
- is interested in gardens planted around large stones? 34
- likes plants which are native to the area of Bath? 35

**Parks and Gardens to Visit**

- Royal Victoria Park**  A  **Parade Gardens**  E

The park was formed in 1829 and formally opened in 1830. It was named after the then 11-year-old Princess Victoria, (the first ever park to carry her name) who was visiting Bath at the time. Overlooked by the Royal Crescent, its 57 acres were originally laid out as an arboretum, and even today contain a superb collection of trees. Added to these are some fine ornaments, beautiful bedding displays, bowling green, tennis courts, putting green, boating pond and 12 and 18-hole approach golf courses. It also contains the beautiful Botanical Gardens, a bird aviary and a unique and incredibly popular children's play area laid out to emulate the city itself.

- The Botanical Gardens**  B

One of the most delightful features of the Royal Victoria Park, the Botanical Gardens were formed in 1887, and within their 9 acres is one of the finest collections of plants on limestone, certainly in the West Country. Many choice trees, shrubs, a fine herbaceous border, a rock garden and pool, a scented walk and a collection of old shrub roses are just a few of the many attractive and interesting features of the garden. To mark the centenary in 1987 the gardens were extended to include the Great Dell (an area of land which now looks like a bowl because the earth was removed for building) which already contained a very fine collection of conifers. It has been developed into a woodland garden.

- Linear Park**  C

This informal park was originally part of the Somerset and Dorset Railway Line which ran from Bath Green Park Station, (now the site of Sainsbury's supermarket) to Bourne-mouth and which closed in 1966. After considerable construction work and the closure of the tunnel entrance, the area was laid out as a ribbon of countryside through the city, and was planted with many plants that are typical of the area. The conversion from railway line to park is spectacular. What's more, it's a real pleasure to see such an unusually long stretch of beauty.

- Alexandra Park**  D

So called in honour of Queen Alexandra, this 11-acre park was opened in 1902 to commemorate the Coronation of Edward VII. It is situated at the top of Beechen Cliff, giving magnificent panoramic views of the city and the surrounding wooded vales and hills. Its lawns and fine trees give a restful atmosphere, and there is a children's play area. From the park one can walk back down to the city centre through the beautiful, wooded Beechen Cliff - although the steps may prove too much of a challenge for some.

- Henrietta Park**  F

This pleasant 7-acre park is situated close to the city centre and was laid out and opened to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897. It contains many fine trees, extensive shrubberies and beautiful flower beds. It also contains the King George V Memorial Garden which in 1953 was redesigned to form a garden for the blind and many sweetly scented flowers and shrubs were planted. Today, superb bedding displays are arranged around a central pool and fountain. It is a place to sit quietly, an oasis of peace, tranquillity and beauty just minutes away from the bustle of city life.

- Sydney Gardens**  G

This is the oldest park in the city, planned and laid out by the architect Harcourt Masters in 1795. The picturesque 12-acre grounds were very popular at the end of the 18th and early 19th century when breakfasts and concerts were held there. They were visited by many members of the royal family, and Jane Austen, who lived in Bath, was a regular visitor. The Chinese style bridges over the Kennet and Avon Canal add to its attractions and the siting of the Great Western Railway through the grounds in 1840 has given the park extra interest. In 1909 a replica of the Roman Temple of Minerva was built to commemorate the Bath Historical Pagant. Today the park contains fine trees, shrubberies, lawns and flower beds, tennis courts and a children's play area.

- Hedgemoor Park**  H

This attractive 5-acre park owes its existence to a great misfortune which occurred. The houses that originally covered the site were destroyed by a landslide in the 1870's. The land lay unused and full of debris from the houses for many years. Eventually this desolate area of the city was purchased and transformed into today's pleasant park with its beautiful views. It was formally opened in 1889. The park contains many beautiful trees and shrubs, some fine rose displays and a small children's play area.