

TEST 7

READING PART 1

You are going to read a magazine article about treasure hunting. Choose from the list (A-H) the sentence which best summarises each part (1-6) of the article. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- A A lot of hard work is carried out before the actual digging begins.
B Expensive equipment is a worthwhile investment.
C Treasure hunting can sometimes lead to unexplained fatal accidents.
D Nowadays, treasure hunting is a serious and profitable business.
E Treasures are taken "to court" to find out who they belong to.
F Finding treasure has become a hobby for most people.
G Unexpected things have been found, while some famous treasures are still being looked for.
H The location of a treasure can influence how much profit the finder makes.

PART 2

You are going to read an article from a magazine. For questions 7-13, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

Coping with Rheumatoid Arthritis

When Louise Roberts was eighteen, she began to experience pain in her knuckles and fingertips, and soon after it spread to her feet. She was terrified. Within six months, she was in so much pain it was like walking on glass.

A year after the diagnosis she went to university to do teacher training. It was upsetting for Louise to listen to other students practising their instruments, knowing she could not play her beloved violin. She begged her mother to sell it, but her mother would not.

Teacher training was tough. Standing for long periods made her knees, feet and hips ache, especially in cold weather. There were times when she felt she couldn't cope with it. She had to get up much earlier than the other students to get herself ready for lectures.

After four years away from her violin Louise has just started teaching a ten-year-old boy to play. Before the arthritis started, she used to play in a symphony orchestra, and she still dreams that one day she will perform on stage again.

Louise's condition has improved, partly because of the drugs, but also because, since visiting an allergy clinic, she has changed her diet completely. She has cut out all wheat, yeast, dairy products, beef and pork. Even so, her energy is limited and there are times when she is so exhausted she has to stay in bed all weekend.

On the plus side however, she is more determined than most to get the best from life and learn new skills. Next year she is aiming to get her pilot's licence - she has already been awarded an RAF flying scholarship. She's also been taking singing lessons, as arthritis doesn't affect the voice, and as a result has achieved a higher standard in singing than she otherwise would have done.

Gold Diggers

It is no longer just the story of Indiana Jones. Some people make a good living out of treasure hunting.

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To most of us, buried treasure is the subject of a childhood pirate story or the image of someone with a metal detector filling their spare time with a possibly profitable wander over a deserted beach or patch of wasteland. But to Norman Scott, president of Global Explorations, it's his business and his life's work.

It is also a dangerous enterprise. Already eleven treasure hunters have been killed - some in mysterious circumstances. Scott believes that some discoveries from the past could make life difficult even for people in the present.

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Being a professional treasure hunter is not the glamorous job it might sound. What few people realise is how much research and preparation go into treasure hunting. Experts in history and archaeology have to be consulted and documents (sometimes in very obscure languages) have to be translated. It is only when there is a really good chance of finding something worthwhile that the decision to go ahead is taken.

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The business can be highly profitable for the companies involved. In some cases, finds have to be given to or shared with the government but, in the late 1980's, a ship loaded with a billion dollars in gold was found off the coast of America and, since it was over 320 kms from the coast, nothing had to be given to the government.

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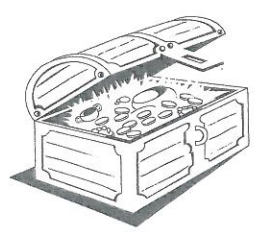
What sort of things are found? The excavation of a Sacred Well at Chichen Itza in Mexico revealed the remains of 300 victims of sacrifice, together with hundreds of valuable items which had been thrown down the well with them. Global Explorations is currently investigating possible hiding places of thousands of works of art taken by the Nazis during World War II.

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In Britain, there is a 700-year-old law controlling the finding of treasure. A special official decides whether the valuables were lost or abandoned (if so, they are given back to the finder) or if they are "treasure trove", in which case a special hearing is held. Even if they are kept by the government, the finder is entitled to receive the full market value of his discovery.

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The scale and expense of the operation match the rewards. A typical search will cost between a quarter and one and a half million dollars. The major expense is the sophisticated machinery, which can save a lot of unnecessary and costly work by "seeing" beneath the ground to discover whether things are buried under it.



- 7 When Louise tried to get dressed...
8 Why did Louise want her mother to sell her violin?
9 What does "it" in line 14 refer to?
10 Why does Louise play the piano badly at school assembly?
11 What is Louise's ambition?
12 Louise occasionally wishes she was not disabled because...
13 Since taking singing lessons...