

READING

Part 4

Questions 21-25

- Read the text and questions below.
- For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

The Wheel

For me, the wheel is probably the most important invention of all time. It is obviously used to move things and people. However, it is also found in many other machines like clocks, windmills and watermills.

How many of us know when and where the first wheel was invented? I decided to try to find out. The first wheel was invented in Mesopotamia, now part of Iraq, over five thousand years ago. It was first used to help people form clay into bowls and vases in the same way as potters today use a wheel. Wheels were then used in Mesopotamia on carts to transport things.

I also tried to discover what the first wheels were like. They were solid and were made out of wooden planks which were fixed together. Sometimes solid circles of wood cut from tree trunks were used. However, these were not common as the wheel was invented in places where large trees were not often found. In some places where there was not much wood, stone wheels were used. These were heavy but lasted for a long time.

It was not until about three thousand years later that wheels were made lighter by cutting out sections of the wood so that the wheel was not solid. These lighter wheels were much better for vehicles like chariots, which were used in battle. At about the same time people began to put a metal edge round the wheel to make it last longer as it rolled over rough surfaces.

How did people manage to transport things before the wheel was invented? They probably used tree trunks as rollers to help them move heavy building stones. It was hard work to put the tree trunks in place and to balance the load. It is extraordinary to think that enormous blocks of stone were moved in this way.



21 What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A to give the reader information
- B to make the reader want to read more
- C to give his or her opinion
- D to surprise the reader

22 What would a reader learn about the first wheels from the text?

- A They were first used to make pots.
- B They were first used to transport heavy building stones.
- C They were first used on carts.
- D They were first used in battle.

23 What were the first wheels like?

- A solid pieces of stone
- B circles cut from tree trunks
- C wood with a metal rim round the edge
- D pieces of wood joined together and cut into a circle

24 When did people start making wheels that were not solid?

- A 5000 BC
- B 3000 BC
- C 2000 BC
- D 1 AD

25 Which would be the best reaction to this text?

- A It is interesting that the wheel was developed in different places.
- B The history of everyday objects is very interesting.
- C It is surprising that the wheel was invented so recently.
- D It is amazing how many different ways a wheel can be used.

WRITING

Part 1

Questions 1-5

- Here are some sentences about a holiday.
- For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.
- Write only the missing words on your answer sheet.
- You may use this page for any rough work.

Example:

The area has many beautiful hotels there are many beautiful hotels.

1 It was so hot that we didn't do much sightseeing. It was too much sightseeing.

2 I borrowed some money from my brother to buy this souvenir. My brother some money to buy this souvenir.

3 I'd never been to that area before. It was I went to that area.

4 We couldn't afford to buy much at the shopping centre. We didn't to buy much at the shopping centre.

5 My father thought we should go on a sailing trip. My father wanted on a sailing trip.

Part 2

Question 6

An English friend of yours called Jack has just moved to a new flat near where you live.

Write an email to Jack. In your email, you should

- ask him about his new flat and who he lives with
- give him some useful information about the area
- promise to visit soon

Write 35-45 words on your answer sheet.

Part 3

Write an answer to one of the questions (7 or 8) in this part.

Write your answer in about 100 words on your answer sheet.

Question 7

- This is part of a letter you receive from an English friend.

We are doing a project at school on celebrations in different countries. Write and tell me about a special celebration in your country. When is it? What do you do? What do you eat?

- Now write a letter to this friend.
- Write your letter on your answer sheet.

Question 8

- Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
- Your story must begin with this sentence:

Sophie did not want to go to the party.

Write your story on your answer sheet.