

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 Scorpion Family



When my son Martin brought home his new pet, I wasn't exactly thrilled. 'How awful, I hear you say, but don't judge me yet - it was an emperor scorpion! Martin told me that the emperor scorpion is one of the most popular scorpions that are kept as pets. They look big and scary, but in fact they are quite harmless. Well, it does seem a bit odd to humans as their sting is quite harmless. Well, it looked pretty dangerous to me!

Sam has escaped from his tank a few times, and I'll never forget the first time he did. We looked for him all over the house. Finally, I shone a torch behind the sofa and I saw something bright green. I didn't know it at the time, but when you shine a light on emperor scorpions, they become bright green. I thought it was one of my youngest son's toys. Imagine my horror when I picked it up!

Last year, we bought Sam a partner called Samantha, and we are now the proud parents of an entire scorpion family. You should see the way Samantha carries her babies on her back. I am always afraid that she will drop them and they'll be injured, but she hasn't so far.

- 21 In this text, the writer is describing
- A her son's emperor scorpions.
  - B the most popular family pets.
  - C why scorpions are dangerous.
  - D how to take care of scorpions.
- 22 What does the writer say about emperor scorpions?
- A They are expensive to feed.
  - B They are popular pets.
  - C They are very frightening.
  - D They have a dangerous sting.
- 23 The first time the writer had to look for Sam, she
- A found him hiding behind a green toy on the sofa.
  - B knew he would turn green if she shone a torch on him.
  - C picked the scorpion up, not realising what it was.
  - D searched for a long time without any success.
- 24 What does the writer say about the baby scorpions?
- A Their mother used to carry them on her back.
  - B Their mother seemed afraid that she would drop them.
  - C They were afraid of falling off their mother's back.
  - D They made her feel very proud of her own family.

25 What might the writer say about her son's pet?

- A I wish my son would sell his family of emperor scorpions.
- B I didn't like my son's choice of pet at first, but I do now.
- C Emperor scorpions are dangerous and should not be bought as pets.
- D My son's pets are awful, and they keep climbing out of their tanks.

Part 5

Questions 26 - 35

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space. For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Example:

0 A largest B huge C big D greater

Answer:  A  B  C  D

The Country's Biggest Art Gallery

Tendele Stadium is about to become the country's (0) ..... art gallery. Local youngsters are invited to join special (26) ..... workshops which will be run (27) ..... a group of (28) ..... famous artists. Each of (29) ..... will produce an autographed piece of art, which will be (30) ..... on the stadium walls for everyone to see.

The project is expected to last until the (31) ..... of the year, and participants will get to fill the stadium walls with huge pictures of their (32) ..... sporting, acting, and singing heroes.

Tuition, paints and equipment will be provided free (33) ..... charge, so participants don't need to bring (34) ..... except, of course, (35) .....

Writing

Part 3

Questions 1 - 5

Here are some sentences about families. For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than 3 words. Write only the missing words on your answer sheet. You may use this page for any rough work.

Example:

0 My brother should get his car washed.

1 My sister doesn't like ice cream as much as I do.

Answer:  0  needs  washing.

- 1 I like ice cream ..... my sister does.
- 2 My parents think I should apply to university next year.
- 3 The last time we saw our cousins was a month ago. We ..... seen our cousins for a month.
- 4 I can't go to the party if I can't do my homework.
- 5 The woman you were speaking to is my aunt. The woman to ..... were speaking is my aunt.

Part 2

Question 6

You are on holiday with your family.

Write a postcard to an English friend of yours. In your postcard, you should:

- say where you are on holiday.
- write about some of the things you have done.
- arrange to meet your friend when you get back.

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. Put the question number in the box at the top of your answer sheet.

Question 7

- Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
- Your story must have the following title:  
A really strange family
- Write your story on your answer sheet.

Question 8

- This is part of a letter you receive from your English friend, Sheila.

I have just joined a new evening class to learn how to paint. It's fantastic. The other students are really friendly. Do you have any hobbies?

- Now write a letter to Sheila, telling her about your hobbies.
- Write your letter on your answer sheet.

TEST 1

- 26 A painting B paint C painted D paint's
- 27 A from B for C by D of
- 28 A too B very C enough D so
- 29 A we B them C they D us
- 30 A displayed B appeared C decorated D reviewed
- 31 A end B finish C conclusion D last
- 32 A famous B best C popular D favourite
- 33 A to B for C of D from
- 34 A somebody B nothing C anything D anyone
- 35 A himself B herself C itself D themselves