

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.

**Christie Saunders, Signer**

I was 20 years old, and my parents were looking forward to the day when I would be earning my own living. Unfortunately, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted my future occupation to be. The only thing I did know was that I did not want to spend the next 45 years teaching, being a nurse or sitting in an office.

But that was before the postman delivered a catalogue of courses that were being offered at the local college. As I looked through it, I was attracted by a page that talked about the difficulties faced by deaf people in their professional lives. It said that deaf people could find work in a variety of occupations, such as law companies, the Stock Exchange, insurance companies and banks. Then I saw something that really caught my eye: 'Signers' are also needed for sporting events, concerts, theatrical performances and, believe it or not, circus! By the time I got to the bottom of the page, I knew I had found the perfect occupation.

I enrolled on the course, which to my parents' great delight was free of charge. The course was brilliant. My teacher put her deafness to one side and asked us to sign our favourite song. It was really difficult because she only did it to give us the words, but she was so patient and encouraging. The course was busy and happy or sad and whether the beat was slow or fast. It was the hardest thing I have ever done - but also the most rewarding.

21 What does Christie describe in the text?

- A how she chose her career
- B how she lives with deaf people
- C how difficult sign language is to learn
- D how deaf people learn sign language

22 Christie suggests that she

- A could not find a job as a nurse or a teacher.
- B has never liked being in a teacher's office.
- C would not get a job until she was at least 45.
- D didn't want to work in a school or hospital.

23 According to the catalogue Christie read, when students finish a sign language course, they

- A do not have to work with deaf people.
- B can work in a variety of different places.
- C may not always find a job in their chosen field.
- D almost always start their career in a law company.

24 The part of the course Christie enjoyed the most was when

- A she realised that her parents didn't have to pay.
- B her teacher sang a very sad song to the class.
- C she had to sing a song for the last lesson.
- D she had to sing a song with a fast beat.

25 Which of the following best describes Christie?

- A a young deaf woman who wants to help the deaf
- B a young woman who has found her ideal career
- C a young woman who wants to be a businesswoman
- D a young woman who wants to write songs for the deaf

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 disappointing B embarrassed C annoying D saddening

Answer:  A  B  C  D

**Barking Dogs Can Seriously Damage Your Health**

We all know that barking dogs can be (0) ..... but did you know that the sound (26) ..... be loud enough to seriously harm your health? Scientists use a unit called a decibel to (27) ..... sound levels, and experts agree that (28) ..... we listen to noises above 80 decibels for a long time, it will damage our hearing.

When a dog barks (29) ..... the sound level can be (30) ..... high as 110 decibels. (31) ..... means it is louder than busy traffic (70 decibels), an alarm clock (80 decibels) and a lawn mower (90 decibels). (32) ..... not quite as loud as a jet engine (120 decibels). In contrast, normal conversation is only 60 decibels.

Dogs are not the (33) ..... animals, though. The call of the blue whale is a deafening 168 decibels, which can be (34) ..... for hundreds of miles. Luckily for you and me, they usually make the sound (35) ..... water!

- 26 A could B will C must D should
- 27 A lower B measure C count D decrease
- 28 A while B since C unless D if
- 29 A heard B hardly C loud D loudly
- 30 A as B too C so D enough
- 31 A They B He C This D It
- 32 A so B either C or D but
- 33 A friendliest B noisiest C softest D largest
- 34 A heard B listened C seen D made
- 35 A beyond B on C under D down

Part 2

Question 6

You are thinking of applying to university.

Write an e-mail to a friend of yours. In your e-mail you should:

- say what subject you are thinking of studying.
- explain why you are interested in that subject.
- ask what your friend thinks about your choice of subject.

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

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

I'm so excited! My parents just gave me a new mobile phone for my birthday - just the one I wanted!

What's the best present you've ever received? Why did you like it so much?

- Now write a letter, answering your penfriend's questions.
- Write your letter on your answer sheet.

Question 8

Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.

Your story must have the following title:

The day everything changed

Write your story on your answer sheet.

Writing

Part 1

Questions 1 - 5

Here are some sentences about a trip to a safari park.

For each question, complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

Use the words in the box. Write only the missing words on your answer sheet.

You may use this page for any rough work.

Example:

- 0 The lions are fed 3 times a day.  
They ..... the lions 3 times a day.

Answer:  feed

1 Watching wild animals is exciting.  
It's exciting ..... wild animals.

2 It was Perry's first visit to a safari park.  
Perry had ..... to a safari park before.

3 It isn't necessary to bring food with you, as the park has many places to eat.  
The park has many places to eat, so you ..... to bring your own food.

4 Dave said the monkeys were more interesting than the elephants.  
Dave said the elephants were not ..... the monkeys.

5 We'd like to go back to the park because it was fantastic.  
The park was ..... that we'd like to go back.