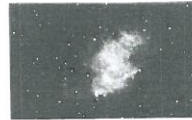


Questions 21 - 25

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



Roland Pearson, Astrophotographer

When I first started taking photographs of the night sky, I never thought I'd end up doing it for a living. I'd always been interested in photography. I used to drive my family and I remember taking photos of Earth taken from outer space. Posters like that were really popular in the 1970s. I had seen lots of them, but there was something different about this one. It fascinated me and I ended up changing my life!

It hasn't always been easy though. I remember trying to take a picture of the Hale Bopp Comet for a photography competition in 1997. I checked the weather forecast at the local weather station to make sure there were no clouds or strong winds. At 3.30 am, when the comet was scheduled to appear, I recall thinking, 'If everything goes as planned, the photo will show the comet as a line of light moving across a background of faint white stars. But suddenly everything went terribly wrong! At 3.59, just as I was making the final adjustments, out of the bushes came a streak of black heading straight for my feet, and before I knew it the camera, tripod and I were on the ground! The streak of black was my neighbour's cat 'Tiddles' out for his late-night exercise, and he had ruined the only chance I had for the next 2,000 years of capturing the spectacular comet on film!

But, missed photo opportunities aside, astrophotography is a great job, and it can also be a fascinating hobby. Surprisingly enough, you don't need any special equipment: just a 35mm camera, a tripod and some slow-speed film. But you must remember to take care of your equipment. Otherwise that mysterious shadow on the moon's surface could be ruined by a tiny speck of dust on your camera lens!

21 In the text the writer describes

- A how he trained as an astrophotographer.
B how he takes photographs for posters.
C how he takes photographs of people.
D how he became an astrophotographer.

22 What changed the writer's life?

- A taking family photographs for a living
B taking up astrophotography as a hobby
C becoming a popular photographer in the 1970s
D seeing a poster of Earth taken from outer space

23 The writer's photograph of the Hale Bopp Comet was

- A meant for a competition
B ruined by a streak of light.
C covered by a dark cloud.
D taken just before 4 am.

24 The writer's photograph of the comet

- A turned out exactly as he had planned.
B showed the comet moving across the sky.
C was not taken because of a neighbour's cat.
D could not be taken until the year 2000.

25 What might Roland say about his job?

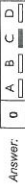
- A It's fascinating although it can be a challenge at times, and there are some unexpected problems.
B It's a really popular job, but you do have to spend a lot of time waiting.
C My photographs would be better if I had a lot more equipment.
D I drive my family and friends crazy because I'm always taking photographs.

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 at B from C to D in



English Money

Before I came (0) England, I'd read about English customs. For example, I knew English people drove on the left side of the road. I knew that English people said 'please' and 'thank you' a lot and I knew (26) the money they used was called pounds and pence. It was quite a shock when I bought a newspaper and some mints at the airport, and the woman behind the counter said, 'That'll be 2 quid, love.' I made a quick calculation and decided to (27) over two £1 coins. Imagine my relief when she said 'Ta, love'. I didn't know what that (28) either, but at least she was smiling, so I must have got the money right.

I soon learned that a 'quid' is a pound. There are (29) explanations for this, but the one I like best is that 'quid' comes from 'Quidhampton Mill', which used to (30) the special paper that pound notes were printed on.

My new English friends often (31) about 'livers' and 'tenners' but the meaning of these was obvious: a fiver is simply a £5 note and a tenner is a £10 note. They would (32) speak about things like computers or very old, used cars costing a 'grand' or a 'couple of grand'. It took me a while, but I finally figured out that a 'grand' was a thousand pounds.

Just when I thought I had (33) used to English money, I saw the following advertisement in a local newspaper: 'Wanted: Sales Clerk, London Area, £25K. I was totally confused. I knew from my computer (34) that 'k' meant 'kilobyte'. I didn't (35) that it could also mean 'thousand' in newspaper advertisements. A few days later a friend explained the mystery. The advertisement was not for a 25-kilobyte clerk, but for a clerk who would earn £25,000 a year.

26 A why B how C that D which

27 A go B run C do D hand

28 A cost B meant C said D did

29 A any B couple C little D several

30 A grow B produce C build D work

31 A talked B discussed C said D told

32 A never B also C too D ever

33 A done B been C got D became

34 A course B subject C topic D program

35 A feel B say C believe D know

TEST 3

Writing

Questions 1 - 5

Here are some sentences about shopping. For each question, write 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 Whose shop is this? Who shop belong to?

Answer: 0 does this

1 How much did your new jeans cost? How much, for your new jeans?

2 The jacket was so expensive that I didn't buy it. It, expensive jacket that I didn't buy it.

3 Alan enjoys shopping for new clothes. Alan, shop for new clothes.

4 Shall I get you a larger size? Would, to get you a larger size?

5 The shop had nothing on sale this week. The shop didn't, on sale this week.

Question 6

You have just heard about a new shop with some really good bargains.

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

- say where the shop is.
• talk about what it sells.
• arrange to go there together.

Write 35 - 45 words on your answer sheet.

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 begin with this sentence: 'I'd just taken the money to the police when I saw him.'
• Write your story on your answer sheet.

Question 8

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

I've just seen a programme about someone who won a million pounds. It was brilliant! What would you do if you won a lot of money?

- Now write a letter to Harry, answering his question.
• Write your letter on your answer sheet.