

Time: 105 minutes

PART I: Reading Comprehension

Mark
/ 150
Total Score



JUMP INTO IRELAND!

TASK 1

Read the text *'River Liffey Swim in Dublin City'* (page 8).

Six sentences have been removed from the text. Choose the correct gap (1 – 8) in the text for each of the sentences below (A – F).

Write the correct number of the gap behind each sentence.

Be careful: There are two gaps which you do not need to use.

- A 71 years later, the first ladies' race was introduced.
- B The women's race kicks off an hour later at 12.15 pm.
- C To fulfill this condition, candidates can take part in outdoor swimming competitions along the east coast near Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford.
- D This year these organizations are offering 25 sea races between June and September, normally two each weekend.
- E But no matter how old you are, you must be a member of a swimming club and be able to swim a mile.
- F In the evening, however, they'll meet again at the Gresham Hotel to receive their prizes.

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TASK 2

Read the text ‘Cobh – a place of great Irish heritage’ below. Are sentences 1 – 10 ‘True’ (T) or ‘False’ (F)? If there is not enough information to answer ‘True’ or ‘False’, choose ‘Not in the text’ (N). Tick (✓) the correct answer.

Cobh – a place of great Irish heritage



Cobh (formerly Queenstown) is a seaside town in County Cork, Ireland. It was the departure point for 2.5 million of the six million Irish people who emigrated to North America between 1848 and 1950. It is a place that truly made history.

Annie Moore

- 5 Annie Moore was born in County Cork in 1877. When she was thirteen, her parents emigrated to America. Once they were established, they sent for Annie and her two brothers, who departed from Cobh on the ship “Nevada” in December 1891. As steerage passengers they were provided only with the most basic amenities. They had to put up with hay for bedding, extremely low ceilings and seriously ill passengers. Arriving in the US, Annie was greeted by various officials. She was the first person whose immigration was
- 10 processed in the new centre on Ellis Island. Today Annie is honoured by two statues – one at her port of departure and the other at Ellis Island, her port of arrival.

Titanic’s last stop

- 15 Cobh was the Titanic’s last stop before she headed out into the Atlantic. A total of 123 passengers, most of whom had had enormous difficulties in scraping up the money for the passage, embarked at Cobh on 11th April, 1912. Three travelled first class, seven second class, while the remainder travelled in steerage. Two small boats headed for the Titanic, carrying mail bags from the mail train and vendors offering local specialities to the wealthy passengers on board. At 1.30pm the Titanic weighed anchor to the sounds of “Erin’s Lament” played on the bagpipes by steerage passenger Eugene Daly. A total of 2,224 people were
- 20 on board as they left Cobh. Only 44 of the Cobh passengers were saved.

The RMS Lusitania

The RMS Lusitania was the biggest ship of her time and visited Cobh on many occasions. On 7th May 1915, during a voyage from New York to Liverpool, she was torpedoed eleven miles off the southern coast of Ireland and sank within 18 minutes, with 1201 casualties. People from Cobh heroically saved 762 souls. The Lusitania Peace memorial in the city centre commemorates victims and brave helpers alike.

- | | T | F | N |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Six million Irish emigrants left from Cobh for North America. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Annie Moore's parents left Ireland before their children. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Annie Moore helped some ill passengers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 The only memorial site for Annie can be found on Ellis Island. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Most passengers from Cobh could hardly afford the voyage on the Titanic. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Almost all first and second class passengers survived the Titanic disaster. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 In Cobh letters and packages were taken on board the Titanic. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 The Titanic left Cobh harbour to the sounds of a Scottish band. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 The RMS Lusitania was a rare guest at Cobh harbour. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 The Lusitania Peace memorial was built by the survivors of the disaster. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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TASK 3

Here is a selection of four events from the Dublin Festival Season. Read the descriptions. Match questions 1 – 7 with the correct events (A-D). **Fill in the correct letter in each box.** The events may be chosen more than once. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

A - Bram Stoker's Dracula Festival

The festival will peel back the layers of the city to reveal Stoker's Dublin. Prepare for an event with walking tours through small and narrow backstreets and hidden steps of the Victorian age, uncovering the dark aspects of the city. There are also fun workshops giving parents and their kids the opportunity to create their own ghost stories.

Lively discussions on all scary creatures complete the Bram Stoker's Dracula experience. A highlight is an old-fashioned vampire-themed performance by an international street theatre company. The Bram Stoker Festival doesn't cost much and is sure to chill your bones!

B - Dublin Fringe

Dublin Fringe is Ireland's largest multi-disciplinary arts festival. Now in its 18th year, the festival stages up to 525 events in over 40 venues, and around 150,000 people have at least one Fringe experience during the festival. For 16 days the festival transforms Dublin into a 'dream factory', an exposé of great creative talent from around the globe. It is a showcase for the best modern plays and features well-known actors touring internationally. The numerous shows are suitable for children and teenagers, reasonably priced and sometimes free. Don't let *Dublin Fringe* leave town without blowing your mind.

C - Arthur's Day

Guinness fans around the world will raise their glasses for Arthur Guinness and enjoy 24 hours of exclusive gigs. A line-up of world-famous artists will give live concerts for all the family to enjoy in small venues and pubs, creating an irresistible buzzing atmosphere. Buying a festival ticket gives you the promise of "famous faces in local places". It's probably the most popular Thursday of the year – if you've missed St Patrick's Day. Grab the chance to get an idea of how Dublin does a citywide party on Arthur's Day. And best of all, your ticket allows you to use public transport for free!

D - Hard Working Class Heroes

This showcase for Irish musicians could be the bargain of the festival season. With 100 bands over 3 days at 6 venues for just one ticket – that's 45 cents for each performance! In workshops exclusively organized for teenagers, young stars-to-be can show off their musical talent on stage. The gigs are peppered with panel discussions on the music industry and a photography exhibition located in Fishamble Street. To get there, take the 747 bus from the airport at special festival rates. Dublin's coolest bars provide a perfect background for the festival – a must for Irish music fans!

Which festival ...

- 0 packs a great experience into one day only? C
- 1 exclusively features national artists?
- 2 offers activities where parents and children can work together?
- 3 has all bus fares included in the ticket?
- 4 has performances of today's theatre?
- 5 gives young newcomers the opportunity to perform in public?
- 6 features debates on the mysterious?
- 7 also offers events without an entrance fee?

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TASK 4

Verwenden Sie die Informationen aus dem folgenden Artikel **und bearbeiten Sie die Aufgaben (1 – 5) stichpunktartig auf Deutsch** (keine wörtliche Übersetzung nötig; Einzelwörter genügen nicht als Antwort).

Hurling – The Fastest Game on Grass

A uniquely Irish game, hurling is one of the world's oldest field sports. Sometimes hurling is confused with hockey, because both are played with a small ball and a curved wooden stick. This confusion only lasts until one realizes that the attacking players occasionally swing the sticks, their "hurleys", like lethal weapons of messy destruction. Hurling is regarded as one of the fastest ball games in the world. An impressive hurling skill is the ability to balance the ball on the hurley while running at full speed. To score maximum points, players have to slam the ball into the lower section of the H-shaped goal. Hurling is a wonderful game to watch live. Just have a look at the website of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA). You'll find loads of useful facts about the latest playing schedules and the results of the most important championships of the last decade. But if you want to go for first-hand experience, call in at a GAA club in the evenings, when there is training in progress. Surely someone will be happy to give you an insight into the individual strengths and weaknesses of the players. There are GAA clubs pretty much everywhere in Ireland, so just ask a local.



1 Warum wird Hurling manchmal mit Hockey verwechselt? (2 Merkmale)

1

2 Welche besondere Fähigkeit wird von einem Hurlingspieler erwartet?

1

3 Was muss ein Spieler tun, um möglichst viele Punkte zu erzielen?

1

4 Worüber findet man Informationen auf der GAA Website? (2 Details)

2

5 Warum empfiehlt es sich, am Abend einen GAA Club zu besuchen? (2 Details)

2

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TASK 3

Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines **to form a word of the same word family** that fits in the space in the same line. There is one example **(0)** at the beginning.

A Writer Risen From The Ashes	
0 The Irish-American <u>writer</u> Frank McCourt was the first of seven	WRITTEN
1 children _____ to Malachy and Angela McCourt. At the age of	BIRTH
2 four, he and his parents and brothers _____ to his mother's	MOVEMENT
native city, Limerick, in the Republic of Ireland. As Irish Catholics living	
in poor conditions, Frank and his family struggled against hunger and	
3 _____ problems. In his book "Angela's Ashes", Frank	SOCIETY
4 McCourt wrote about the period of his troubled _____ with	CHILDISH
5 great humor and _____ compassion for his family.	DEPTH

(5)

TASK 4

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the KEY WORD given in brackets. **Do not change the KEY WORD given.** You must use **between two and five words including the KEY WORD.** There is one example (0) at the beginning.

EXAMPLE

0 Some people say that Irish inventions are among the best ones in the world. (SAID) ← KEY WORD

Irish inventions ⁽¹⁾ are ⁽²⁾ said ⁽³⁾ to ⁽⁴⁾ be among the best ones in the world.

1 There is no other Irish invention which is as famous as Guinness. (MOST)

Guinness is _____ all Irish inventions. 1

2 But there are other Irish inventions which you should notice. (WORTH)

But there are other Irish inventions _____ . 1

3 Sir Hans Sloane of Killyleagh created the world's favourite non-alcoholic beverage, chocolate milk. (BY)

The world's favourite non-alcoholic beverage, chocolate milk, _____ 1

Sir Hans Sloane of Killyleagh.

4 In order to see another great Irish invention, you have to go underwater. (WANT)

_____ another great Irish invention, you have to go
underwater. 1

5 The Irish-American John Philip Holland succeeded in designing the first submarines.

(MANAGED)

The Irish-American John Philip Holland _____ the first submarines. 1

TASK 5

Complete the following text. Use the correct forms of the words in brackets and find words of your own to replace the question marks. There is one example **(0)** at the beginning.

A short history of tractors in Ireland

Tractors may be a common sight **(0)** *in* (???) the Irish countryside today, but a century **(1)** _____ (???), that wasn't the case. The machines have a longer history in America, where they **(2)** _____ (**invent**) in the 19th century. The first machines **(3)** _____ (**make**) their way to Ireland sometime after 1904, with about 70 tractors in use on the island by 1917. Those numbers multiplied **(4)** _____ (**fast**), and by 1939 more **(5)** _____ (???) 2,000 American Fordson tractors were in use.

But Harry Ferguson wanted to change the game.

He worked in the motor industry in Belfast before **(6)** _____ (**move**) into the field of agricultural engineering. He was also the first Irishman to build his own aeroplane and to develop the first four-wheel drive Formula One car, the Ferguson. By the late 1920s, he was developing his own tractor, The Ferguson Type A. Production began in 1937, but sales were **(7)** _____ (**extreme**) low. If Harry Ferguson hadn't travelled to the USA for a meeting with Henry Ford in 1938, Ford **(8)** _____ (**not / agree**) to use the Irishman's system in a new tractor.

After the trans-Atlantic partnership ended in the mid-forties, Ferguson began to cooperate **(9)** _____ (???) Standard Motor Company, and in 1953, his company and Massey Harris established the now well-known Massey Ferguson Company. Harry Ferguson **(10)** _____ (**die**) in 1960, but his ideas and designs for tractors will be used for many years to come.

(10)

PART III: Guided Writing

You only have to do **one** of the following two tasks.

Important: First read both tasks, then decide whether you want to do Task A or Task B.

You can write down your ideas on your extra sheet before you do the task on your exam paper.

TASK A

You read the following advertisement.

Write a **letter of application**. In your letter,

- mention your reasons for applying
- describe your previous experiences in the fields mentioned
- talk about further personal qualifications
- enquire about the salary, the place of work and working times

Find a suitable beginning and ending.

You do not need to write any addresses.

Write about 200 words.

DISCOVERIRELAND.IE

Helpers wanted

The Irish tourist board is looking for helpers during the **International Tourism Fair** in September 2013.

Duties vary from welcoming guests, giving information about holiday facilities to selling souvenirs.

Experience in the sales sector and computer skills desirable, but not obligatory.

Requirements: Good appearance and ability to remain friendly while coping with stress.

TASK B

Hey there!

How's everything going? Only a couple of more weeks and we'll be on holiday together in Galway! It's about time we got down to arranging the details, I'd say ... Here's what I can come up with so far:

 <p>Salthill Caravan & Camping Salthill, Galway, Ireland info@salthillcaravanpark.com</p>		 <p>Galway city HOSTEL THE HAPPIEST LITTLE HOSTEL IN GALWAY</p>
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What do you think?

Ailbe

For the summer holidays you want to spend one week in Ireland together with a friend.

Read your friend's e-mail.

Answer your friend's e-mail. In your mail, mention

- what you **like** about staying at a youth hostel in Galway city
- what you **like** about camping
- possible **disadvantages** and **decide** on one of the options
- a **way to travel** and **which activities** you definitely would like to do

Find a suitable beginning and ending to your e-mail.

Write about 200 words.

TEXT 1



River Liffey Swim in Dublin City

Lord Mayor to fire starting gun – Sunday 18th August 2013

HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS are expected to line the quays of Dublin city centre on Sunday morning, 18th August, when the 93rd Dublin City Liffey Swim is set to take place. The consistently large number of competitors taking part each year attests to its success and appeal. Dublin's Lord Mayor will officially fire the starting gun for the men's race at 11.15am. [1]

According to the Lord Mayor, "the Liffey Swim is a true Dublin City institution. No other European City boasts an open swim through their city centre. [2] It's an exhausting race but a great day out for competitors and spectators alike. I encourage everybody in Dublin to follow the race and to cheer the brave swimmers on."

In 1920, 27 male contestants first took the plunge in Dublin. [3] Nowadays, the total average entry has risen to 200 males and 80 females. People of all ages and nationalities are welcome to test their athletic prowess, with teenagers competing against 70-year-olds. [4] The Liffey Swim is swum over a 2.4 kilometre course from Watling Street Bridge, finishing in front of the Custom House. What is unique is that the fans can follow the swimmers from the banks of the river as they race down through the city. There is something for spectators of all ages to enjoy at the event. For kids entertainment is guaranteed at the finishing line. [5] Water cannons will be fired into the air accompanied by a colourful display of dragon boats. The Lord Mayor will greet the winners at a reception right afterwards on the Deck of the Cill Airne River Boat. [6]

To qualify for the Liffey Swim all entrants must have completed four sea races of the season. [7] To ensure the safety of the swimmers, the Leinster Open Sea Committee runs these events in partnership with the swimming clubs of Leinster. [8] Among the numerous contests taking place, the Liffey Swim and Dun Laoghaire Harbour Race are the two most highly-prized events.

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WRITING SCORE

	Task Achievement	Coherence & Cohesion	Grammar	Vocabulary	Impression of General Quality	Total
1 st examiner						/ 30
2 nd examiner						/ 30

TOTAL SCORE

	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Use of English	Writing	Total
1 st examiner	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 150
2 nd examiner	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 30	/ 150

1st examiner: _____

2nd examiner: _____

Time: 30 minutes

PART IV: Listening Comprehension

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

TASK 1: Everyday heroes

You will hear statements about five people changing the world for the better.
What are they involved in?

Write the correct numbers (1 – 5) in the boxes next to the categories (A – H).

Be careful: Use each number only once.

(You will have 5 seconds after the first listening and 5 seconds after the second listening.)

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| A Caring for pets | <input type="checkbox"/> | E Housing the homeless | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B Saving protected animals | <input type="checkbox"/> | F Feeding the poor | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C Fighting street crime | <input type="checkbox"/> | G Providing medical care | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D Supporting disabled people | <input type="checkbox"/> | H Teaching children | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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TASK 2: Making a difference – making it to the Arctic!

You will hear a radio interview with a student who is going on an Arctic expedition.

One ending to each of the following sentences (1 – 4) is correct. Tick (✓) A, B, C or D.

(You will have 5 seconds after the first listening and 5 seconds after the second listening.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 The program “Students on Ice” is only for | 2 Brenna first heard about “Students on Ice” through a |
| A <input type="checkbox"/> high school students. | A <input type="checkbox"/> teacher. |
| B <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian students. | B <input type="checkbox"/> family member. |
| C <input type="checkbox"/> students of science. | C <input type="checkbox"/> community leader. |
| D <input type="checkbox"/> global ecology students. | D <input type="checkbox"/> businessman. |
| 3 Brenna is most looking forward to | 4 In the future, Brenna wants to |
| A <input type="checkbox"/> seeing the glaciers. | A <input type="checkbox"/> be a leader of “Students on Ice”. |
| B <input type="checkbox"/> learning to sail. | B <input type="checkbox"/> teach pupils about climate change. |
| C <input type="checkbox"/> feeding birds. | C <input type="checkbox"/> write about her experience. |
| D <input type="checkbox"/> watching whales. | D <input type="checkbox"/> publish an environmental magazine. |

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TASK 4: You can do something!

You will hear a radio interview between a member of the organization "DoSomething" and a young reporter. Listen to the interview and **take notes**.

You do not have to write complete sentences, but one word is not enough.

(You will have 10 seconds after the first listening and 20 seconds after the second listening.)

ABOUT US		CAMPAIGNS		AWESOME-THINGS			
"DoSomething"							
aim:	_____					1	
main activity:	_____					1	
issues:	_____					1	
examples:	<i>"The Scholar Athletes"</i>						
requirements for applicants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>travel to New York City office</i>• _____• _____					1	1
applicants must include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>CV</i>• _____					1	
e-mail / contact:	_____@dosomething.org					1	

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TASK 5: Soul surfer – a story of real courage

You will hear a radio interview with Bethany Hamilton and AnnaSophia Robb, who played the role of Bethany in the movie “Soul Surfer”. Answer questions 1 – 7 and **take notes**.

You don't have to write complete sentences, but one word is not enough. (You will have 30 seconds after the first listening and 90 seconds after the second listening.)



- 1 How did AnnaSophia get the leading part in *Soul Surfer*?
_____ 1
 - 2 What was most important for AnnaSophia when she played her role?
_____ 1
 - 3 What does AnnaSophia say about her surfing abilities after acting in the movie?
_____ 1
 - 4 How did Bethany help AnnaSophia with her role?
_____ 1
 - 5 What encouraged Bethany to get back to surfing? (2 details)
_____ 1
 - 6 What advice does she give young people? (1 detail)
_____ 1
 - 7 According to Bethany, what's the positive effect of the movie *Soul Surfer*?
_____ 1
- (8)**