

English Test

Level B1/B1+

Part 1

Reading

- 1. Read the article about online newspapers. Six sentences are missing from the article. Choose from the sentences A–F the one which fits each gap.**

News online

For many people, buying and reading a newspaper is part of their daily routine. They enjoy spending time searching the pages for interesting political stories, laughing at cartoons, catching up with the latest sports results and reading about celebrity scandals. They take their newspapers into work, on the bus or into a café, and reading it over breakfast is a tradition for many people. (1) Or is it? There has been a news revolution going on over the last few years. (2) Some newspapers started putting their reports online and now nearly all the major newspapers have online versions. We can access most of these free of charge from laptops, mobile phones and other hand-held devices. (3) However, the popularity of online news is being tested. Because news is now so widely available online, newspapers are losing money. Fewer people are buying newspapers so companies have to spend more to maintain their websites. And because Internet news contains videos and graphics, the costs are even higher. (4) The newspapers have a difficult choice to make. Will people continue to visit their sites if they have to pay? Will they visit another newspaper's site which is still free? (5) Experts do not agree on what is going to happen. (6) Others, however, have said that this step is inevitable and soon we shall have to pay more for information that we find online. We'll have to wait to see what happens.

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| <p>A Many say that the idea of the Internet is to allow people to have free information and they will not agree to pay for it.</p> <p>B Will they start buying newspapers again?</p> <p>C So why should we pay for newspapers anymore?</p> <p>D Unsurprisingly some of the big papers have started charging people to read their newspapers online.</p> <p>E People started turning to the Internet to provide them with a daily news report.</p> <p>F The newspaper is part of our culture.</p> |
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- 2. Read the article again and choose the best answers, A, B or C.**

1 What is the aim of this article?

- A to discuss what people like reading in the morning
- B to discuss the future of newspapers
- C to explain the history of newspapers

2 What has changed in the last few years?

- A Newspapers have become available on the Internet.
- B Newspapers started writing reports about the Internet.

C People have now got laptops and mobile phones.

3 How much does it cost to access online newspapers?

A They're all free of charge.

B Many of them cost nothing.

C They all charge a small amount.

4 What problem are newspapers facing?

A They have to pass a test before they go online.

B It's difficult to include videos and graphics.

C They aren't making any money from online news.

5 Why do some people think online newspapers should be free?

A because the Internet is supposed to be free

B because it's difficult to access them

C because all newspapers should be free

6 What does the writer think about the future of online newspapers?

A Newspapers will have to be free.

B No one knows what the future will be.

C People won't continue to read the news.

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3. Read the opinions about a 3D film. Match the comments (1–6) to the people (A–D).

You can choose the people more than once

A Jay

I've always been a film fan and I love all types of film, from horror to romantic comedy, from modern animations to black-and-white Hollywood classics. However, I'd never seen a 3D film until I went to see *Alice in Wonderland*, directed by Tim Burton. I know 3D films aren't new – the technology has been around for a long time. In fact, my grandmother told me about her experience in the 1980s of going to see *Jaws* in 3D. She had to wear strange cardboard glasses with one red plastic lens and one green plastic lens! But anyway, *Alice* was my first experience of 3D and I have to say it was disappointing. I was expecting something dark and different from Tim Burton's version of the classic *Alice* story, but actually I thought the 3D treatment made the film seem childish – like a cartoon.

B Molly

I'm glad that my first 3D experience was *Alice in Wonderland*, because it showed me both the good and not so good aspects of 3D films. I went into the cinema with a great sense of expectation. *Alice in Wonderland* has always been one of my favourite books and I knew that the crazy world *Alice* finds herself in after falling down the rabbit hole, would be an ideal subject for 3D effects. I was right – the special effects created incredible, surreal scenes with a mixture of real actors and animations. The colours were brilliant and I felt I could reach out my hand and touch the people and objects, like I was right inside the world of the film itself. It was magical and really brought the book to life for me – I loved the whole experience!

C Karim

I thought Tim Burton's interpretation of the story was a bit weird. In this version of *Alice* they extended Lewis Carroll's original story to include a part about *Alice*'s life as a young teenager in the 'real' world of Victorian England. That part wasn't in the book and here I felt the 3D treatment was unnecessary. It was quite appropriate to the fantasy world where *Alice* finds herself after she falls down the rabbit hole, but not to the 'real' world of Victorian England. It

would have been a nice contrast if only the scenes that took place in the fantasy had been in 3D. Actually the 3D glasses annoyed me because they made some of the film look very dark. For scenes where the characters were inside, I had to keep taking my glasses off to see what was going on!

D Jonas

I'm definitely in favour of 3D technology and I've seen some wonderful 3D films at the cinema – the hugely successful Avatar was probably my favourite. However, not all films work so well in 3D and I don't think it should be used indiscriminately, only if it really adds something to the story. I think in Alice in Wonderland it was appropriate as it really gave the audience a sense of entering into that world of dreams and fantasy where anything is possible, that Alice finds herself in Wonderland. The 3D treatment also worked well with the characters who were created from real actors then digitally enhanced. It was a very creative, unusual film.

- 1 For me 3D is not an appropriate treatment unless there's a real reason for using it.
- 2 I don't think the 3D treatment made the film seem very adult.
- 3 I thought the film was charming and beautiful visually.
- 4 I found wearing the 3D glasses distracting.
- 5 I discovered 3D films quite late.
- 6 I was really looking forward to seeing Alice in 3D

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4. Read the opinions again. Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The technology for producing 3D films is very recent. T/F
- 2 3D glasses now are the same as they were in the 1980s. T/F
- 3 This film version of Alice in Wonderland used only animated characters. T/F
- 4 Tim Burton's version of the story is unusual. T/F
- 5 Part of the film is about Alice's life outside Wonderland T/F
- 6 Avatar is a popular film in 3D. T/F

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Part 2

Grammar

5. Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

Today, children in Great Britain (1) work. They go to school and (2) to learn things which they can use when they are older. Sometimes they have a part-time job in (3) they deliver newspapers or wash cars but this is (4) 'pocket money', which they spend on clothes or hobbies. However, in other parts of the world, children (5) as five are expected to work. The majority of (6) work on farms (7) they look after the animals or pick fruit and vegetables. Other children have to work in factories and the conditions can be very difficult. In Britain it (8) be like this. For example, my grandfather started working when he was fourteen. But things changed. People thought that if children (9) work, they could go to school to learn. Isn't this something that all children (10) be able to do?

- 1 A have to B don't have to C mustn't D must
- 2 A expected B are expected C were expected D is expected
- 3 A who B that C which D where
- 4 A for to earn B to earn C earning D earn
- 5 A as young B younger C young D youngest
- 6 A they B them C their D theirs
- 7 A when B who C which D where
- 8 A didn't use B didn't use to C use to D used to
- 9 A didn't have to B won't have to C don't have to D wouldn't have to
- 10 A would B will C should D can

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Part 3

Use of English

6. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.

- 1 We've only got a little time left before the train leaves.
There isn't before the train leaves.
- 2 They've found the stolen car.
The stolen car found.
- 3 There's not enough space for five of you in this car.
There are of you for this car.
- 4 I want to go to India, but I haven't got enough money.
If I had enough money, I to India.
- 5 It isn't necessary to give in the homework before Friday.
We don't in the homework before Friday.
- 6 'I'll read out the answers when you finish,' said Mr Williams.
Mr Williams said he the answers when we had finished.
- 7 Kate and I learnt to play the violin at that school.
That school Kate and I learnt to play the violin.
- 8 Henry bought his guitar in 2007.
Henry his guitar since 2007.

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