

READING COMPREHENSION

PART 1 (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

You are going to read a number of answers to the question "Do you keep a diary?". For questions 1-5 match each answer to the sentence (A–H) that best summarises it, as in the example (0-A). There are two extra sentences you do not need to use.

Vox Pop – Do you keep a diary?

INTERVIEWEES' ANSWERS

0 – Example: Matthew Whittaker (Student) *“As I’m travelling, I keep a diary. I can see the attraction of blogs, to update friends, but I don’t read them if I don’t know the author.”*

1 – Andy Howden (TV Producer) *“I haven’t time to keep track of things on paper, and blogs don’t appeal. If I’m going through a period of change, I record my thoughts but it’s not consistent.”*

2 – Sarah Whitworth (Student) *“I write all my thoughts and feelings in a diary. It goes on for pages, and it’s a great way of tracking how you change. I shout about the arguments I’ve had.”*

3 – Rio Takanashi (Student) *“Blogs are a great way of conveying your thoughts and experiences. I don’t keep a diary, but I like to read about what others have done.”*

4 – Maxine Johnson (Teacher/Lecturer) *“I use an organiser and record things I’ve gone through with my students, as well as appointments and meetings. Without one I’d be lost.”*

5 – Barbara Wood (Patient advocate) *“My appointments diary allows me to manage what I am doing. Emails are a good way of revising plans, but I generally prefer to keep a record on paper.”*

(from Charlotte Philby “The Independent on Sunday” 11th march 2007)

STATEMENTS

This person

- A. ...uses a diary when he/she is on a trip.**
- B. ...does not regularly keep a diary.
- C. ...doesn’t think he/she has a good enough memory for keeping diaries.
- D. ...is highly dependent on his/her professional diary.
- E. ...is enthusiastic about e-diaries.
- F. ...keeps a very personal record of his/her life.
- G. ...makes arrangements through a social networking site.
- H. ...would rather use more traditional diary.

Answer	0	1	2	3	4	5
Statement	A					

PART 2 (5 x 1 = 5)

You are going to read a leaflet about a Royal Mail product. For questions 6-10, answer the questions about the text with a maximum of 6 words, as in the example.



Overview

If you're going away for a short while, Keepsafe™ helps you avoid that tell-tale pile of unopened mail on your doormat. We can hold your mail for up to two months, and deliver it when you ask us to. All we need from you is a week's notice to set up the service, the names of all the people in the house whose mail you want holding, and a small fee - for example, 2 weeks use of Keepsafe costs just £5.70.

Key features

- One fee per household, as long as you give us all the names and signatures of everyone at the address who wants their mail held - at the same time
- If you return early from your trip, just send us a written cancellation note and your mail will arrive with the next delivery
- Also available to sole traders working from home*

Product instructions

Just give us a week's notice, together with the names and signatures of everyone in your household whose mail you want us to keep. We'll need parents or guardians to sign for any children under 16. We're sorry but we won't keep mail for anyone without an actual name, for example, 'To the Occupier' - unless you state on the application form that you want the service to cover 'all individuals who receive mail at this address'.

**If you're a business customer or a school, Business Keepsafe™ is the service for you. [Click here](#) for details.*

What it costs

Maximum time away Charges per household

Up to 17 days	£5.70
Up to 24 days	£9.10
Up to 31 days	£11.40
Up to 66 days	£17.15

What to do next

- Order Keepsafe today. Open the PDF [application form](#) 73 KB (WARNING: this download will open in a new window) and fill it in on-screen. Then, simply print and post it to us at the address given below

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QUESTIONS

0. What does *Keepsafe* do for you?

_____ **hold your mail** _____

6. How long does *Keepsafe* need to start the service?

7. Does the price change according to the number of people in the house?

8. Is *Keepsafe* available for shops or offices?

9. How much do you have to pay for three weeks?

10. What do you need to find out where to send the application form?

PART 3 (5 x 1 = 5)

You are going to read a newspaper article about Denmark in which some sentences are missing. For questions 11 – 15 choose the sentence from the list (A–H) that best fits in each gap (1–5) in the text, as in the example (0-H). There are two extra sentences that you do not need to use.

Denmark, the world's oldest kingdom

Once the home of marauding Vikings, Denmark is now prosperous and orderly, and Danes enjoy one of the world's most enviable lifestyles. The Danish people – (0) _____ - are friendly and forward-thinking, proud of their country's success story. They favour "hygge", (11) _____.

Copenhagen, the capital, is a very modern, international city that has remained accessible and compact. Filled with restaurants, nightclubs, convivial bars, museums, art galleries, fashionable boutiques and other cultural attractions, Copenhagen offers a lot of appeal in a relatively small package.

Denmark's other cities have exceptional charm as well, including the country's second-largest city, Aarhus, on Jutland's east coast, (12) _____. It offers a mix of old-world charm, a vibrant social life and gorgeous scenery.

(13) _____, known as "the land of light" for its special light- that has attracted artists for generations.

The Danish countryside features castles, ancient churches, elegant manor houses and small fishing villages, and every region of this small country has its own special charms. Visitors will find pristine beaches, rugged fjords and unspoilt forests, (14) _____. Sports enthusiasts can fish, hike, practice all types of water sports, play golf or bicycle down well-maintained country lanes.

Denmark has several picturesque islands, like Bornholm in the Baltic Sea with its mild microclimate.

Throughout the country visitors will find all types of accommodations, (15) _____, and business travellers are well served with the latest facilities and services. Demark is also particularly family-friendly, with many attractions to appeal to children and their parents alike.

This fairytale kingdom, ease reached from the UK, has much to offer visitors.

(from © *The Herald Tribune*)

- A. A DIFFERENT TYPE OF CHARM IS FOUND IN THE IDYLLIC OLD FISHING VILLAGE OF SKAGEN IN NORTH JUTLAND
- B. AN IDEAL CHOICE FOR A CITY-BREAK WEEKEND
- C. DENMARK HAS A FAIRLY MILD CLIMATE ALL YEAR
- D. FROM LUXURY RESORTS TO COMFORTABLE BED-AND-BREAKFAST ROOMS
- E. MAKING DENMARK AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR NATURE-LOVERS
- F. THE ADMIRAL HOTEL IS A FULLY- RESTORED LISTED BUILDING, A WAREHOUSE DATING BACK TO THE 1780s
- G. WHICH MEANS SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE
- H. *WHO ARE GENERALLY MULTILINGUAL (EXAMPLE)*

Write your answers here:

Example



0	11	12	13	14	15
H					