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SKILLS TEST 5 & 6

READING

1 Read Laura's holiday blog. Tick [✓] the seven things that she writes about.

I'm sorry that I didn't write any new blog posts last month. Let me tell you why!

My parents enjoy strange holidays, in weird places. Last week, we went on a very strange holiday – in a forest! Yes, that's right, a little house, in the middle of a forest. And, the house was at the top of a tree!

My parents told me about the idea three months ago. I didn't really want to go. I wanted to go to the beach, and have fun near the sea.

We travelled a long way by car. Then, we walked for ages through the forest (with our bags!) to the tree house. It looked very small. We went up the stairs, and I looked for somewhere to charge my phone. But there wasn't any electricity! Also, there wasn't any water! There was a small bathroom, but it used rainwater.

My father was very happy. 'No Internet, no emails!' he said.

'Thanks, Dad,' I thought. 'This is really annoying.'

But, I was wrong. After one week, the little tree house was like my home. I liked being near the trees and listening to the sound of birds every day. I loved looking at the stars. It was amazing. I don't see stars in the city.

We arrived back home two days ago. It felt really strange. I didn't like all the cars, and noise. Now, I'm really interested in nature and animals. I told my friends about my holiday. Now they all really want to go to a tree house!

1 the type of holidays her parents like ☐
2 the place she wanted to go to ☐
3 her first holiday ☐
4 how she went to the tree house ☐
5 the size of the tree house ☐
6 the kitchen and the bedrooms ☐
7 her father's feelings ☐
8 what she did at night ☐
9 the food she ate ☐
10 what she liked about the tree house ☐

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2 Read Laura's blog again. Mark these sentences T (true) or F (false).

0 Laura's last blog post was one month ago. *T*
1 Her parents often go to special, or different places. ☐
2 Laura was excited about the holiday. ☐
3 It was easy to get to the tree house. ☐
4 There wasn't a lot of space inside. ☐
5 She found somewhere to charge her phone. ☐
6 Laura's father was very cheerful. ☐
7 Laura didn't feel at home in the forest. ☐
8 Her friends are quite jealous. ☐

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LISTENING

3 **Listen to a conversation about how two people met. Put the events in the order they happened.**

A [ ] John started selling magazines.

B [1] John lost his home.

C [ ] John asked Annie to buy his magazine.

D [ ] John did something very generous.

E [ ] Annie and John decided something about their future.

F [ ] Annie met a man with no home.

G [ ] Annie and John became good friends.

H [ ] Annie felt very bad, because she wanted to be helpful.

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4 **Listen again. Choose the correct answer for each question (A, B or C).**

1 John lived on the streets because
- A he had no home.
- B he had a bad home.
- C he wanted to make money.

2 He sold magazines to
- A people with no homes.
- B make enough money to sleep in a hotel.
- C buy a bed.

3 Annie stopped walking because
- A John said something to her.
- B she wanted to look at John.
- C she didn't have any money.

4 She cried because she
- A didn't want to buy John's magazine.
- B was so happy to meet John.
- C wanted to buy John's magazine.

5 Annie didn't have any money because she
- A didn't want to live in a cold, dark flat.
- B didn't have a job.
- C gave it all to John.

6 John didn't want Annie to be sad, so he gave her
- A a job.
- B a magazine.
- C all his money.

7 Annie and John met each other again
- A after one year.
- B many times.
- C at a wedding.

8 One month ago, they decided to
- A start a friendship.
- B be together all their lives.
- C meet again.

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WRITING

5 Write a short blog post (60 words) about someone you met for the first time. Use the questions below to help you.

- Who was the person? (Was it your best friend, or another friend?)
- When and where did you meet?
- What did you do together?
- How was the other person? (happy, confident, intelligent, generous?)

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SPEAKING

6 Choose one of the topics below. Talk about it for one minute.

- Tell me something about your best friend.
- When do you feel annoyed or angry?
- What do you think is really interesting or amazing?
- Tell me something about your home.

7 Work in pairs, A and B. Read your situations then have a conversation. Decide together what to do at the weekend. Use the phrases below to help you.

How about …? *Let's …* *I think that's a great idea.* *I don't think that's a good idea.*
Why don't we …? *We could …* *Let's do that.* *I'm not so sure.*

A	B
You want to go out at the weekend. You like: • watching movies • bowling • eating pizza • having ice cream You don't like: • the shopping mall • sitting in the park	You want to go out at the weekend. You like: • going to the park • going to the shopping mall • going to the cinema • having ice cream You don't like: • bowling • pizza

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TOTAL SCORE 70

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