

# OXFORD ADVANCED EXAM SKILLS

## Mock Test 5

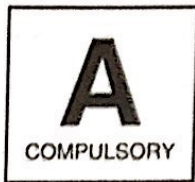
Papers 1 & 2

Performance record

Paper 1	Reading	<i>27</i>	<i>3</i>
Paper 2	Writing	<i>26</i>	<i>29</i>

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**OXFORD ADVANCED EXAM SKILLS  
 MOCK TEST 5  
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
 PAPER 1 PART A  
 QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



Read Texts 1–2 and answer questions 1–25. (42 marks)

**Text 1**

1 Where does 'here' (line 7) refer to?

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2 According to paragraphs 1–2, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Ray is an only child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Ray took an overnight train to get to Xi'an.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Ray is worried that he might not have enough money for the trip.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

3 According to paragraph 3, what TWO problems did Ray encounter that made him rethink his plans? (2 marks)

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i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

4 Who are 'these smiling people' (line 15)?

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5 How did the writer feel when the local nomads invited him to their tent and why?

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6 What does the writer mean when he says 'I don't want to push my luck' in line 18?

- A He does not want to bring misfortune to his friends.
- B He will not ask for something that might annoy his friends.
- C He will not leave a place without paying.
- D He does not want to become too friendly with strangers.

A	B	C	D
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7 Find a word in paragraph 4 that means 'the ability to understand other people's feeling and problems'.

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8 What is the tone of paragraph 4?

- A reflective
- B confused
- C frustrated
- D naive

A	B	C	D
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9 After talking to Yusuf, the writer says 'wherever we come from, we are really more alike than different' (line 24) How are they 'alike' and how are they 'different'?

(2 marks)

Alike: \_\_\_\_\_

Different: \_\_\_\_\_

10 What does the writer mean when he says Athens is 'somewhat claustrophobic and noisy' (line 26)?

\_\_\_\_\_

11 Ray faced a few problems during his journey and he got help from others. Complete the following information by writing ONE word taken from the relevant paragraph in each blank below. Your answers must be grammatically correct. (5 marks)

2019 HKDSE Q16

PROBLEMS	
Paragraph 3	Freezing weather made Ray's hands and legs go (i) _____.



HELP FROM OTHERS
Some Mongolians nomads let him stay in their (ii) _____ and provided him with heat and food.

Paragraph 4	Ray got completely (iii) _____ in the holy city.
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Bumped into a young man who was kind and showed (iv) _____ for other people's situation.
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Paragraph 5	Walking along the busy roads of Athens, Ray was in pursuit of finding his father's (v) _____.
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Found out that his father had moved and got another address from his neighbour.
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12 Find a phrase in paragraph 5 the writer uses to describe his feelings about the future.

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13 Match the person on the left with the statement which best represents their thoughts listed on the right. Write the letter (A-F) on the line next to the person's name. TWO of the statements are not used. Each letter can be used ONCE only. (4 marks)

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Persons	Answers	Statements
i) Ray Yeung	_____	A 'I've never seen my father.'
ii) Mongolian nomads	_____	B 'I was lucky to have a map with me.'
iii) Yusuf	_____	C 'This is going to be an exciting adventure.'
iv) Old neighbour of Ray's father	_____	D 'I'm sorry, but he no longer lives here.'
		E 'Can I help you with directions?'
		F 'You can spend the night in our home.'

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14 This text is an extract from ...

- A a novel.
- B a comic.
- C a travel guide.
- D a blog.

A    B    C    D  
        

15 Below are summary headings for paragraphs 2–5 of Text 1. Match the most appropriate summary heading with each paragraph by writing the letters (A–D) in the table below. One has been done for you as an example. Each letter can be used ONCE only. (3 marks)

2019 HKDSE Q64

Summary Headings
A The kindness of strangers
B Disappointment at journey's end
C A lot more in common
<del>D An army frozen in time</del>

Paragraph	Summary Heading
2	D
3	(i)
4	(ii)
5	(iii)

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**Text 2**

16 What does the writer mean when she says travelling along the Silk Road 'is often romanticized' (line 2)?  
 The trip is ...

- A worth taking.
- B very romantic.
- C not admired by some people.
- D not as exciting as expected.

A    B    C    D  
        

17 Who does 'you' in line 5 refer to?

\_\_\_\_\_

18 According to paragraph 2, what TWO difficulties can one expect if they travel alone? (2 marks)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

19 According to paragraph 2, what TWO advantages are there of independent travel? (2 marks)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_
- ii) \_\_\_\_\_

20 According to paragraph 3, what does Alice Chua think about tour operators?

- A substandard
- B acceptable
- C reliable
- D worth a try

A    B    C    D  
        

21 What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- A A package tour will usually be more expensive than independent travel.
- B Tour operators offer Silk Road tours that suit tourists with specific needs.
- C Tour operators can organize cooking lessons with local people.
- D Tour operators can organize trips for large groups.

A    B    C    D  
        

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22 According to paragraph 4, why does the writer recommend setting aside more time for the trip?

23 Use the information given in Text 2 to match each of the following comments with a person mentioned in the text. Write the letter of the comment on the line next to the person given. One of the comments is NOT used. Each letter can be used ONCE only. (3 marks)

A 'Many tour operators charge too much for their trips.'	B 'Give more thought to it and make the most of your trip.'
C 'It's a good choice if you want to make new friends.'	D 'I always enjoy meeting new challenges and facing the unexpected.'

(i) the writer	
(ii) Simon Jennings	
(iii) Alice Chua	

24 What is the tone of the text?

- A critical
- B humorous
- C informative
- D reflective

A B C D

25 This text is ...

- A a business report.
- B a review.
- C a letter.
- D a magazine article.

A B C D

END OF PART A

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 1 PART B1**  
**QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

**B1**  
**EASY SECTION**

Read Texts 3–6 and answer questions 26–49. (42 marks)

**Text 3**

26 Why was the writer unsure about staying at the Seaview Hotel?

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27 Find a word in paragraph 1 which has a similar meaning to 'tiny'.

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28 According to paragraph 2, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)

**Statements**

- |   |                       |                       |                       |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>T</b>              | <b>F</b>              | <b>NG</b>             |
| i) The weather was hot.                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ii) The writer's neighbour was very noisy.                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iii) The writer is generally satisfied with his/her stay. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

29 What is the tone of paragraph 3?

- |                |                       |                       |                       |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A relaxed      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| B angry        |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| C surprised    |                       |                       |                       |                       |
| D disappointed |                       |                       |                       |                       |

30 What does the writer imply when he/she says 'Still' (line 11)?

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**Text 4**

31 Find a word in paragraph 2 which means 'very expensive'.

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2019 HKDSE Q26  
 32 Complete the following summary of paragraphs 1–3 by writing a word or phrase taken from paragraphs 1–3 in each blank below. Your answers must be grammatically correct. (4 marks)

RoadWarrior123 chose this hotel for two reasons: the price and the attractive (i) \_\_\_\_\_ on the website. A real positive of this hotel is that it provides (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ food for guests. However, it's a shame that the hotel has no sauna or (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. The hotel could consider adding these facilities and then charge guests (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ to use them.

33 What does 'this' (line 10) refer to?

\_\_\_\_\_

34 i) Find the simile the writer uses to describe talking to the hotel manager. (1 mark)

\_\_\_\_\_

ii) Explain the meaning of this simile. (1 mark)

\_\_\_\_\_

35 How does the writer feel in paragraph 4?

- A frustrated
- B humiliated
- C stressed
- D embarrassed

A B C D

**Text 5**

36 What does 'a pretty nondescript part of the city' (line 2) refer to?

\_\_\_\_\_

37 According to Text 5, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (4 marks)

**Statements**

- |   | T                     | F                     | NG                    |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| i) The building has always been a hotel.                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ii) The writer was not looking forward to staying at the hotel. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iii) The hotel is very up to date.                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iv) Many glamorous people have stayed at the hotel.             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

38 In paragraph 1, what is the writer's attitude towards the building renovation?

- A fairly unimpressed
- B very regretful
- C pleasantly surprised
- D somewhat ambitious

A B C D

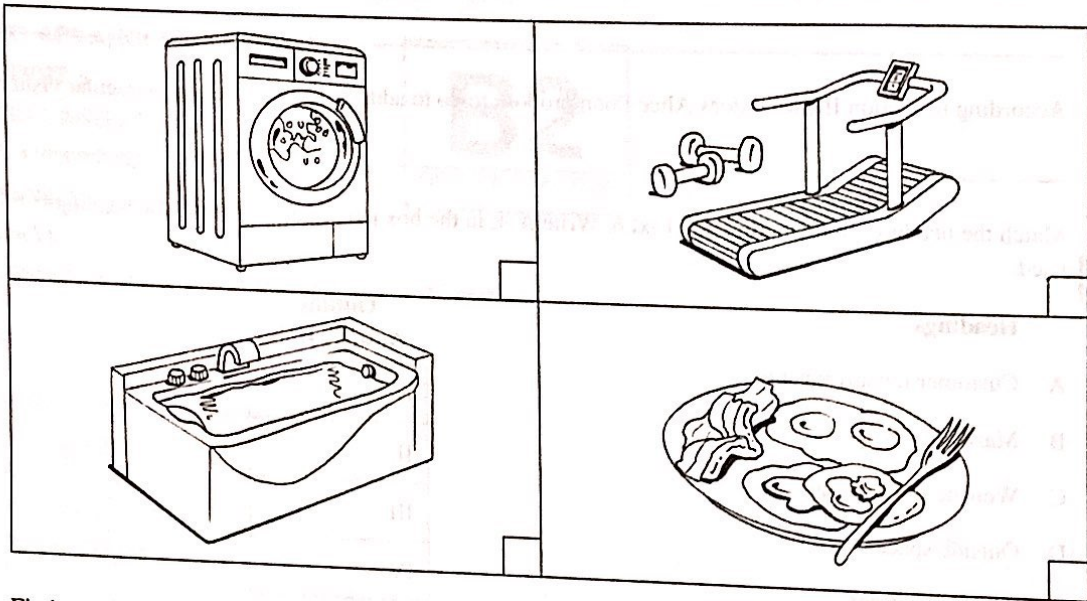
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39 Which of the following facilities is NOT mentioned in paragraph 2? Put a tick (✓) in the box.



40 Find a word in paragraph 2 that can be replaced by 'free'.

\_\_\_\_\_

41 What is the writer's overall impression of the Seaview Hotel? Give evidence to support your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_

42 The main purpose of this text is to ...

- A describe how a building was converted.
- B provide information for prospective guests.
- C highlight problems with the new hotel.
- D encourage hotel managers to make major changes.

A      B      C      D  
        

**Text 6**

43 Complete the following sentence based on the information in lines 1–4.

To attract more future visitors, the hotel should \_\_\_\_\_

44 According to section I of 'Feedback and proposals', what TWO things have guests been disappointed with? (2 marks)

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

45 Complete the summary of section II by using ONE word taken from section II for each gap. (3 marks)

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Although guests would like us to have a swimming pool, we do not have any (i) \_\_\_\_\_ for this. However, we have the money and space to consider building a steam room in the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ rooms of the health centre. If we decide to go ahead, we could get the guests to pay for the (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ incurred.

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46 Find a word in section III which has the opposite meaning of 'certain'.

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47 According to section III, what does Alice Poon propose to do to address the issue raised by regular visitors?

\_\_\_\_\_

48 Match the headings to the outline for Text 6. Write A–E in the box next to the number. One heading is NOT used. (4 marks)

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HKDSE  
Q60

**Headings**

- A Customer reward scheme
- B Marketing plans
- C Website to be updated
- D Outside spaces
- E Health facilities

**Outline**

A, B, C, D, E

I.
II.
III.
IV.

**Texts 3–6**

49 Below are comments made by some of the people mentioned in Texts 3, 4, 5 and 6. Match each person with one comment. Use each letter ONCE only. (4 marks)

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HKDSE  
Q71

A SavvyTraveller	B RoadWarrior123
C Terry Kwah	D Alice Poon

Comments:	Person
i) 'If we address these issues, it will help us build our business.'	
ii) 'I didn't have to spend so much on food.'	
iii) 'The room was quite small.'	
iv) 'It's a good choice if you have a lot of gadgets.'	

**END OF PART B1**

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 1 PART B2**  
**QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

**B2**  
 DIFFICULT SECTION

Read Texts 7–8 and answer questions 50–71. (42 marks)

**Text 7**

50 What is the mood of paragraph 1?

- A fearful  
 B hopeful  
 C gloomy  
 D mysterious

A B C D

51 Complete this summary of paragraphs 1–2 by choosing a word from the eight options given below. Write the correct word in the space provided. Each word can be used ONCE only. (4 marks)

accident athlete broke countries expeditions medallist mountains tours

Karen Darke was paralysed at the age of 21 after a climbing (i) \_\_\_\_\_. Although unable to walk, she has gone on (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ along the Silk Road and Japan, up (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ and across ice caps. She is also a Paralympic gold (iv) \_\_\_\_\_.

52 Find a word in paragraph 2 that means 'pushing'.

53 According to paragraph 2, what TWO modes of transport has Karen used for her adventures?

54 What does Karen mean by finding one's "inner gold" (line 14)?

55 What does the writer mean by 'balk at' (line 13)?

- A not want to try, because it's difficult  
 B find it easy to achieve  
 C be keen to train for  
 D need lots of help in order to achieve

A B C D

56 What is the answer to the writer's question 'what gives Karen the inner strength to keep pushing herself' (line 16)?

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57 Below are comments made by some of the people mentioned in Text 7. Match each person with one comment. Use each letter ONCE only. One comment is NOT used and you should select 'Not Stated'.

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(4 marks)

A Hospital doctor	B Karen Darke	C Tina Warner	D Not Stated
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**Comments**

- i) I was terribly depressed after the accident.
- ii) The trip was terribly rough, challenging both my body and spirit.
- iii) I'm sorry to say that the outlook is grim.
- iv) We can all learn from her example.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
i)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

58 Below are statements summarizing the main ideas of paragraphs 2–5. Match the most appropriate idea (A–E) with each of the paragraphs. Write the letter of the main idea next to the paragraph number given. Use each letter ONCE only. One of the ideas is NOT used.

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(4 marks)

Main Idea
A We mustn't be limited by our mental attitude.
B Karen is always setting herself new challenges.
C A difficult expedition had life-changing effects.
D It's not easy to overcome physical disabilities.
E Karen has exceeded the doctors' expectations.

Paragraph	Main Idea
2	(i)
3	(ii)
4	(iii)
5	(iv)

59 Which of the following best describes the intention of the writer of Text 7?

- A To raise awareness about disability.
- B To inform the reader about a Paralympic athlete.
- C To urge the reader to reflect on their own attitude.
- D To explain how to become a Paralympic athlete.

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
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**Text 8**

60 What does 'like this' (line 3) refer to?

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61 In paragraph 2, what does the writer mean by 'I had bitten off more than I could chew' (line 6)?

- A the local food made him feel sick
- B he did not have enough food for the trip
- C he was well prepared for the trip
- D the challenge was too big

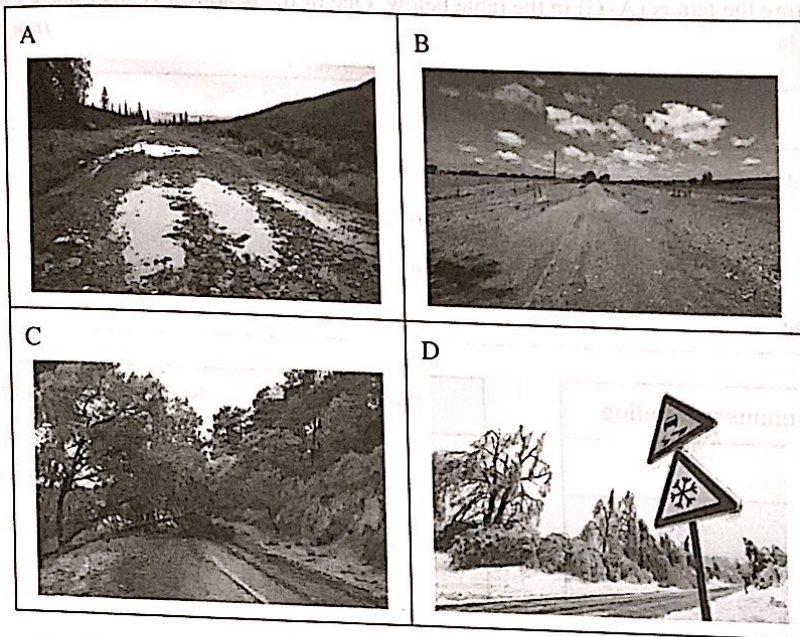
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62 Which of the following pictures best describes the journey in paragraph 2?



A  B  C  D

63 Complete the summary of paragraph 3 by using ONE word taken from paragraph 3 for each gap. (3 marks)

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It was a difficult (i) \_\_\_\_\_ up to Coyhaique, which was the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ point of the trip. Exhausted, I checked into a hostel where I was completely overwhelmed by the owner's (iii) \_\_\_\_\_. She was the first (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ that I met after a few weeks on the road.

64 Which sentence in paragraph 4 suggests a turning point in the writer's journey?

65 What highlights did the writer experience on the trip? Find examples mentioned in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 and match them with ideas given in the column on the right. (2 marks)

2017 HKDSE Q33

Idea mentioned in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5	Examples
Strangers were warm and hospitable.	(e.g.) <i>The hostel owner topped up his glass and plate.</i>
Amazed by the beauty of the nature.	i) _____ _____
Lightened up by small and unexpected things.	ii) _____ _____

66 What are 'the simple things' (line 28) that make the writer happy?

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Below are summary headings for each paragraph of Text 8. Match the most appropriate summary heading with each paragraph by writing the letters (A–G) in the table below. One of the headings is NOT used. Each letter can be used ONCE only (6 marks)

Summary Headings	
A Memorable lessons learnt	E A bit of sweetness
B Meet with kindness	F A difficult beginning
C An inspirational read	G Beauty in the dirt
D A trip that took too long	

Paragraph	Summary Heading
1	(i)
2	(ii)
3	(iii)

Paragraph	Summary Heading
4	(iv)
5	(v)
6	(vi)

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Match the person mentioned in Text 8 on the left with the statement which best represents their thoughts listed on the right. Write the letter (A–D) on the line next to the person's name. One statement is NOT used. Each letter can be used ONCE only. (3 marks)

Persons	Answers	Statements
i) Jason Long	_____	A 'There are really only three things you need to survive.'
ii) The hostel owner	_____	B 'You need to take care of yourself and eat a good meal.'
iii) Karen Darke	_____	C 'The heat was intense and I had to be careful not to get a sunburn.'
		D 'I believe I can do this too.'

69 What is the tone of the last paragraph?

- A disapproving
- B grateful
- C confused
- D pessimistic

A B C D

70 This text is ...

- A a news report.
- B a travel brochure.
- C a travel blog.
- D a sports article.

A B C D

71 What is the best title for this text?

- A The journey I never believed I would take
- B A lesson in the simple pleasures of life
- C Dirt, dust and beauty
- D Disaster in South America

A B C D

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