

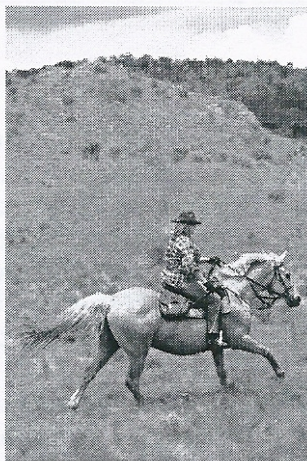
PART 1A READING COMPREHENSION**(15 minutes)**

Please read the following text carefully and then do the task on the next page.

ON HORSEBACK IN SOUTHERN SPAIN

Hermione and Nick Tudor live in the Sierra de Aracena area of southern Spain and organise horse-riding trips for holidaymakers. Jennifer Barton from London joined them on a five-day circular tour through this beautiful countryside.

'I'd had my own horse until I was 17, and used to ride quite regularly,' says Jennifer. 'But then came College and a busy social life, and horses disappeared from my agenda. So, to prepare for my trip to Spain, I took a short series of lessons at a riding school in London. And I was glad of it – no sooner had Hermione introduced me to my horse and explained how to do the traditional Spanish technique of riding one-handed than we were off, riding through the spectacular scenery of the Sierra de Aracena. The landscape of this part of Spain is very dramatic – it's very different from the resorts on the country's east coast, where I spent my holidays when I was a student.'



Jennifer explains their daily routine. 'In the morning, we'd send our bags ahead to the next inn on our route, then climb onto our horses around 10 am and ride for an hour or so. We'd then stop at a bar in a local village for a cool drink, usually served with delicious traditional snacks, like home-made sausages and local cheeses. This was plenty to keep us going until lunch, which was usually a leisurely picnic a few hours later under a shady tree, while our horses nibbled on grass nearby.'

The price of the holiday includes flights, transfers, one night's accommodation in the City of Seville on a room-only basis and six nights' accommodation and five days' riding with breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Sierra de Aracena. There are usually around seven people in each of Hermione's riding groups, and

riders must be a good intermediate standard. But if you want to come with someone who has never ridden a horse in their lives and never intends to, they'll still be welcome. Non-riding partners can join Nick's walking tours, following a shorter route, and meeting up with the riders in the evening.

'I'd never had a horse-riding holiday quite like this before,' says Jennifer. 'It was an amazing experience. As a teenager I'd been on week-long trips along riding tracks in southern England, but there we were never far from a main road or supermarket. Hermione and Nick plan their own routes, based on hidden forest trails, ancient pathways and farm tracks known only to locals – so, apart from the occasional farmer, you could ride all day without seeing another person. It was wonderful.'

Read the text on the previous page to decide if each sentence is true or false.

Tick the right box and correct the wrong statements.

Example:

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0. The horse-riding trips start and end in the same place.

.... They send the bags to the next inn.

1. Jennifer often goes horse riding.

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2. Jennifer went on a riding course before leaving for Spain.

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3. Jennifer learnt a different style of riding in the Sierra de Arcena.

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4. Jennifer had visited Spain before.

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5. The riders carried their luggage on their horses..

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6. The riders usually had lunch in a village bar.

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7. Only riders with some experience can join Hermione's riding group.

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8. Everybody who goes on the holiday takes part in the riding trips.

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9. This was the first time that Jennifer had been on a riding holiday.

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10. Few people use the tracks which Jennifer rode along.

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PART 1B WRITING (10 minutes)

Choose one of the two topics and write a text of 100 - 120 words.

Topic 1 “Vacations that make you forget everything.” (Kuoni)
Describe your perfect holiday.

Topic 2 Imagine you’ve just come home from a horse-riding trip in Spain.
Write an e-mail to a friend in England/the States/Australia to describe
your wonderful/terrible experience.

Topic number:

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PART 2 GRAMMAR (10 minutes)

Underline the correct answer.

Example: This is / are/ be a beautiful house.

1. Scientists **do not understand / are not understanding / understand not** the whole universe.
2. I've lost my glasses. I've looked **somewhere / anywhere / everywhere**, but I can't find them.
3. If we don't leave now, we **won't catch / won't to catch / catch** the bus.
4. We have lived in London **since / for / while** 15 years.
5. There aren't **few / much / many** tigers in the world today.
6. We last saw uncle Sam **before five months / for five months / five months ago**.
7. They usually go to their grandmother **at / on / in** Christmas Day.
8. Do you think this winter is going to be **worse as / bader than / worse than** the last one?
9. Yesterday I **have to / must / had to** revise for the exam.
10. Jack lives **more far / farther / more farther** away from the station than I do.
11. If I **will be / am / were** rich, I would travel round the world.
12. The teacher was **annoying / annoyed / annoyingly** because the students were late.
13. **Did you watch / have you watched / did you watched** the new Bond film yesterday?
14. You **haven't to / don't have to / mustn't** wear a uniform at school.
15. The coach made the team **training / train / to train** harder than ever before.
16. I **don't take often / don't often take / am not often taking** a taxi.
17. They would like **going / to go / go** to California in July.
18. How long **do you live / are you living / have you lived** in Brighton? - Since May.
19. We will meet him at the station as soon as the train **will arrive / is arriving / arrives**.
20. Have you translated the text **who / witch / which** I gave you last week?

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PART 3 VOCABULARY

Vocabulary A (5 minutes)

Read the text below and choose the correct word for each space.

Tick the correct letter A, B, C or D.

Don't write the words or letters into the text. There's an example at the beginning.

GLITTERING PRIZES

Every year in Stockholm on 10 December (0) an event which is (1) ... throughout the (2) It is the Nobel Prize-giving Ceremony. This is a very special day (3) prizes are given to scientists, (4) and peace-makers who have (5) more of a difference than anyone else in their subject.

The event has grown enormously since 1901 when only 150 guests (all male) attended. (6) ... , around 1,800 people, including the Nobel Prize winners who are still alive, are (7) It is a day of fun and luxury. The winners (8) their prizes from the Swedish King. The prize-giving is followed by an enormous celebration dinner in the Town Hall.

The main reason it is so popular is that the Nobel prizes have (9) a special place in society. Many similar international prizes exist, (10) none of them are so well respected.

0	A <i>there is</i> ✓	B <i>it gives</i>	C <i>exists</i>	D <i>it has</i>
1	A traditional	B built	C famous	D engaged
2	A world	B earth	C planet	D continent
3	A which	B why	C when	D that
4	A painters	B actors	C doctors	D referees
5	A made	B done	C had	D got
6	A But	B So	C And	D Now
7	A impressed	B invented	C invited	D insulted
8	A fetch	B pick	C receive	D take
9	A created	B earned	C reached	D become
10	A unless	B like	C but	D even

Vocabulary B (5 minutes)

Choose for each gap the correct word or expression from the list below. There are more words than gaps. Don't use any of the words more than once.

1. The shop assistant is looking after one of her right now.
2. I think families nowadays should some more time together.
3. When Mary got the train, her husband Stuart was already waiting for her on the platform.
4. Shall we have the party in the living room or outside in the garden? What do you?
5. Don't climb up that wobbly ladder, it's not!
6. If you want to buy a lot of food in the supermarket, you should use a instead of a basket.
7. We haven't met before, but we got really well immediately.
8. Did you any presents for your birthday?
9. When little Louis gets older, he wants to an astronaut.
10. You'll need to some money if you want to buy that car.

overcome	suggest	spend	off	save	trolley
customs	safe	customers	out	get	success
on	become	carriage	learn		

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Points to score:

R + C and Writing: _____ / 20

Grammar: _____ / 20

Vocabulary: _____ / 20

Total: _____ / 60