Skills test 3

Reading

The history of tea

British people drink 165 million cups of tea every day. But where did their favourite drink come from?

1   __F__   Legend says, the history of tea started in 2737 BC. Chinese emperor Shen Nung was sitting under a tree. His servant was boiling some water when a leaf fell into the water. Shen Nung decided to try the new drink. He liked it, and so, tea was born!

2   ___   Is the story true? No one really knows. But we know that tea became a popular drink in China in the 7th century – and it became China's national drink. A writer named Lu Yu wrote an important book about tea in the 8th century which made tea drinking even more popular.

3   ___   Tea didn't arrive in Europe until the 17th century. At this time, Holland was an important sea power. The Dutch were the first to bring tea to Europe from the island of Java in 1606. Tea became fashionable in Holland, but it was expensive, so only rich people had enough money to buy it.

4   ___   Tea drinking didn't become popular in Britain until much later. A coffee house in the City of London was the first to serve tea in 1658. A few years later, the East India Company started importing tea from China, and tea became Britain's favourite drink – and this is still true today, hundreds of years later!

5   ___   But tea is popular all over the world – people drink mint tea in North Africa, green tea in China and Japan, rooibos tea in South Africa and maté in South America. Some people drink tea with sugar, others drink it with sugar, honey, lemon or milk, and some people don't add anything at all to their cup of tea.

There are many different kinds of tea, and many ways to enjoy it, but people all around the world agree that tea is amazing.

1 Read the article quickly and circle the correct answer.

Where does tea come from?

a   Britain

b   China

c   Holland

1 point for the correct answer   ☐ 1

2 Read the article again. Match the headings (A–F) with the paragraphs. There is one extra heading.

A   Tea first appears in London

B   China's favourite drink

C   Tea or coffee?

D   How people like their tea

E   A drink for rich people

F   Legendary beginnings

2 points for each correct answer   ☐ 8

3 Read the article again. Give short answers to the questions.

1   Who drank the first cup of tea in the world?
   Emperor Shen Nung.

2   Who wrote the first book about tea?
   _____

3   Did Europeans drink tea in the 16th century?
   _____

4   Where did Holland bring tea from?
   _____

5   Who drank tea in Holland? Why?
   _____

6   When did a British coffee house first serve tea?
   _____

7   Is maté popular in North Africa?
   _____

8   What does the text say people put in their cup of tea?
   _____

9   Do many people think that tea tastes good?
   _____

2 points for each correct answer   ☐ 16

Reading total   25

Writing

1 (Circle) the best phrase for an informal email.

1   Dear Mr Jones / (Hi Mike)

2   It was an amazing party! / I enjoyed the party very much.

3   Good weekend? / Did you enjoy your weekend?

4   I was very pleased to be invited. / Thanks a lot for inviting me.

5   Do you want to meet up tomorrow? / I hope to see you again tomorrow.

6   Lots of love / With very best wishes

1 point for each correct answer | 5 |

2 **Your friend invited you to lunch last weekend. You really enjoyed it, and now decide to send her a thank-you email. You should:**

- use a suitable greeting.
- thank her and say you enjoyed lunch.
- say what you liked about it.
- tell her about the rest of your weekend.
- ask her about her weekend.
- say when you want to see her again.
- use a suitable ending.

Write your email in 80–100 words.

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Writing task | 20 |

Writing total | 25 |

Listening

1 **Listen to six short extracts.** (Circle) **the correct answer.**

1   What do tourists like to do in Lima?

 a   see the shopping centres

 b   visit the Inca temples

 (c) look at the old Spanish buildings

2   What is the special day for the party?

 a   New Year's Eve

 b   Vikram's birthday

 c   Vikram's wedding day

3   What is the man talking about?

 a   a famous pop song

 b   famous people born in 1969

 c   the lunar landing

4   What does the customer buy?

 a   sunglasses

 b   toothpaste

 c   plasters

5   Where is Ms Thompson now?

 a   at her driving test

 b   in a job interview

 c   in Lebanon

6   What does the customer order?
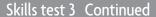
 a   a latte and a sandwich

 b   just a latte

 c   a latte and a cake

3 points for each correct answer | 15 |

2 **Listen to the dialogues again. Write true (T) or false (F).**

1   Maria thinks you can eat well in Lima.   __T__

2   Vikram's uncle wants to speak to his nephew.   ___

3   The Beatles had twenty-five number 1 hits in the USA before 'Come Together'.   ___

4   Plasters cost £1.75.   ___

5   Ms Thompson lives in Lebanon.   ___

6   The customer orders some cake.   ___

2 points for each correct answer | 10 |

Listening total | 25 |

Speaking

1   Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1   What was the last film you saw? Did you enjoy it? Why? Why not?

2   What sports can you do well? What sports can't you do at all?

3   What do/did your grandparents do for a living?

4   What is your favourite food and drink? Why?

5   What was the best day of your life? Why?

max. 1 point for each topic | 5 |

2   Look at the photos. Compare shopping in a department store to shopping at a street market. Talk about how they look, what you can buy, how you pay.

max. 10 points | 10 |

3   A   Look at the information. Use the words to make five questions.

Simon's Motorway Café
open 6.00 a.m. until 11.00 p.m.

cheese sandwich	€2.05
fish fingers and beans	€4.50
spaghetti and meatballs	€4.75
steak and chips	€6.35
chips: small (100g)	€1.00
medium (250g)	€2.00
large (500g)	€3.50
extras: tomatoes, cheese, toast	€1.00
apple juice	€1.30
mineral water (sparkling or still)	€0.80
tea	€0.75
coffee	€1.00

1   any food / with no meat ?
2   how much / cheese sandwich ?
3   what / hot drinks ?
4   any / ice-cream ?
5   what time / café / close ?

1 point for each correct question | 5 |

B   Answer the questions.

1 point for each correct answer | 5 |

Speaking total | 25 |

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