

LEVEL B (B1 & B2)
MODULE 1 Reading comprehension and language awareness

2021 B

## **PART A - CHOICE ITEMS**

## **ACTIVITY 1**



people and their parents when he encouraged the UK government to change their plans to stop school meals over the summer holidays last year. He launched a campaign encouraging England's poorest families to be provided with food vouchers to help them through the lockdown in the Covid pandemic. In response to the campaign, the government announced a £120m 'Covid summer food fund' for 1.3 million schoolchildren across England. Families with children who did not have enough money to buy food could exchange the vouchers for food.

Marcus has achieved a lot so far in his lifetime. He is a fantastic role model and has inspired many young people.

journalist, the book includes stories

their dreams. Written with a

from Marcus's own life.

#### **ATTENTION**

- Try to answer all the questions.
- Mark your answers on Answer Sheet 1 [ΑΠΑΝΤΗΤΙΚΟ ΕΝΤΥΠΟ 1].
- Provide ONE answer for each item.
- You have **85 minutes** to complete this part of the exam.

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1a. The main purpose of this text is to								
A.	explain why Marcus is a footballer.	B.	inform people about Marcus, the footballer.	C.	encourage people to play football.			
<b>2a.</b> The	text presents Marcus Rashford as a	a						
A.	socially concerned young man.	В.	leading sports star.	C.	humble footballer.			
3a. The	text suggests that Marcus Rashford	d's cl	hildhood was					
A.	uncomplicated.	В.	unhappy.	C.	difficult.			
	ording to the text, Marcus Rashford hates social media.	В.	no longer plays football.	C.	has helped poor families.			
	text states that Marcus Rashford		3 1 3, 1					
	has enjoyed reading all his life.	В.	started reading as a teenager.	C.	loved reading at school.			
6a. Recently Marcus Rashford has								
A.	authored a book.	В.	become a TV personality.	C.	won his teachers' hearts.			
<b>7a.</b> The texts ends by telling readers that Marcus Rashford is								
A.	a great footballer.	В.		C.	a person to admire.			
			ACTIVITY 2					

### **ACTIVITY 2**

Read the text below and choose the best word (A-H) to fill in items 8a-13a. Use each word only once. There are two options you do not need.



Read John's essay for his English class and fill in gaps 14a-20a with the best option (A-H). Use each option only once. There is one option you do not need.

A. by	<b>B.</b> up	C. under	D.	to
E. about	<b>F.</b> in	<b>G.</b> of	Н.	on

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**CLASS:** English

**SUBJECT: Support the World Wide Fund for Nature in Greece** 

The World Wide Fund for Nature is an international non-governmental organization founded in 1961 that works in the field of wilderness preservation and the reduction of human impact on the environment. Its current work is organized around these six areas:

- food
- climate
- freshwater
- wildlife
- forests
- oceans



Greece has a WWF office in Athens and a website focusing on important local issues.

In Autumn 2021, the focus in Greece is plastic and forests. An article  (14a) the Greek WWF site stresses the dangers of plastic (15a)  the Mediterranean. It suggests that unless we do something now, 16a 2050
there will be more plastic in the sea than fish.
One (17a) the ways the WWF tries to highlight the dangers that wildlife is facing is by asking people to adopt an animal. Go to their website and check it out. For a small fee, you can adopt animals from around the world such as a rhino, an elephant, a tiger or a penguin. On the Greek website you can also adopt a turtle or a dolphin both of which are 18a threat in the Mediterranean. Did you know that the Greek seas are home 19a four species of dolphins?
If you adopt a dolphin, you get a certificate and the organisation will keep you informed <b>20a</b> how your donation makes a difference.
Now is the time to act

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## **ACTIVITY 4**

Read the text below and decide if statements 21a-25a are True (A), False (B) or Not Stated (C).

	STATEMENTS	Α	В	С					
	STATEMENTS	TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED					
According to the film review,									
21a.	no one has seen the film yet.								
22a.	the best way to see the film is at a cinema.								
23a.	the desert scenes are the most beautiful.								
24a.	living in a van-dwelling community can prove to be quite lonely.								
25a.	the film has achieved great success.								



# Nomadland

**Nomadland** was released in Greece on 21 May 2021. Greece is fortunate enough to have outdoor cinemas, but indoor cinemas in many other countries were not open at this time. Many people have been able to view the film only via an online streaming service.

It's great that people could watch the film along with other new films released in the last two years, but a shame it had to be viewed on a small screen. If ever a film deserved to be watched on the 'big' screen it is **Nomadland.** The scenery, the huge skies, the natural colours, the vast horizon were some of the most special things about the film itself. It features many of the USA's most stunning landscapes.

Nomadland is a road movie set among the van-dwelling community of the American West. From desert to forest to coast the viewer travels through a place of extraordinary natural beauty. Many people may be familiar with motorhomes for a short holiday, but how many of us knew that some people have chosen to live in a van all the time, that they chose to live in communities which travel to find work but not necessarily alone. It seems strong friendships are possible with such a lifestyle.

The film is based on a non-fiction work by a journalist. Frances McDormand stars as Fern, a 61-year-old teacher whose husband has recently died. When Fern lost her job, she was faced with a desperate financial situation that forced her to leave her home. She moved into her van and took to the highways in search of temporary work. Along the way she discovered a new way of life.

The film has won numerous awards including Best Film, Best Director and Best Actress at the OSCARs in 2021. The Director, Chloe Zhao, was the first Asian woman and only the second woman ever to win the coveted Best Director award.

If you haven't had a chance to see the film yet, this reviewer strongly recommends that you do at the first opportunity.

Read the text below and choose the best answer (A, B or C) for items 26a-31a (next page).



First published in 2012, the report has been published every year since. The metrics it uses when surveying citizens in each UN member state include:

- social support

Report.

- personal and civil freedoms
- life expectancy
- income per capita
- levels of corruption.

Happiness rankings are also measured by looking at subjective well-being which relies on three main indicators: life evaluations – how satisfied people are with their life, and their positive and negative emotions. Those surveyed are asked to rate satisfaction with their current life from 0 to 10 – with 10 being the highest and zero the lowest. Positive emotions are based on how happy someone was the day before being asked, how many times he or she laughed or smiled. Negative emotions are measured by asking respondents whether they experienced certain negative feelings during the previous day. Negative emotions are measured by the average number of their 'yes' or 'no' answers about three emotions: worry, sadness, and anger.

It is interesting to note that all the top ten countries with the exception of one are in Europe and that the list includes all the Nordic countries: Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Iceland. Research has been carried out into what makes people in these countries happy, and it seems that a good welfare state which looks after people is very important. This includes housing homeless people, a good free education system and easy access to health care. Trust in the government and relatively stable incomes also counts for a lot. The education systems in these countries also promote a strong national identity and sense of belonging which might affect their responses. Low levels of crime and corruption are also important.

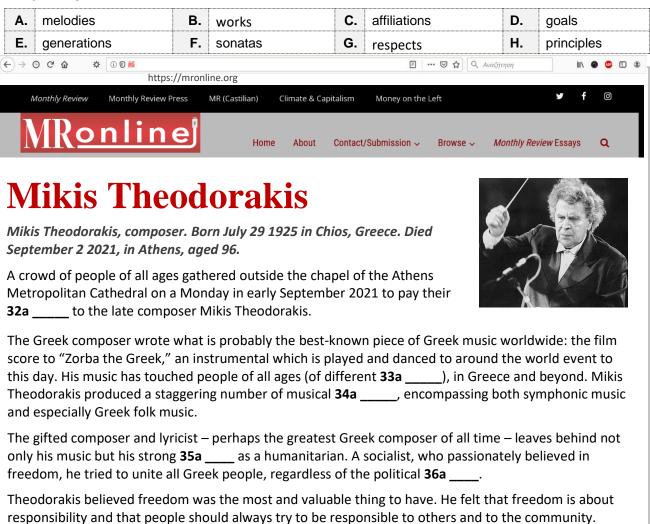
But there are other ways to measure happiness. There have been surveys that do not focus on general life satisfaction, but just on positive emotions in various countries. Interestingly Latin American countries such as Costa Rica, Uruguay and Mexico, as well as Laos in Southeast Asia feature in the top 10 in surveys like this.

Measuring happiness in countries across the world is indeed subjective. Maybe in some countries it is easier to be happy as people don't face huge problems on a daily basis. In many countries, people focus on resilience just getting through the day and making sure they do the best they can whatever the circumstances they face - be it war, climate challenges, economic difficulty or health challenges.

**26a.** The main purpose of the text is to: A define happiness. **B** provide happiness. C discredit happiness. **27a.** According to the text, happiness A brings fulfilment. is impossible to achieve. С is context specific. **28a.** According to the text, the UN has outlined what brings us produced a report every year only considered positive happiness. since 2012. emotions. **29a.** According to the text, the UN survey A does not measure time. **B** focuses only on lifestyle. measures various things. 30a. According to the text, the UN survey and other surveys on happiness produce A similar results. different results. identical results. **31a.** The text finishes by suggesting that happiness depends on A what challenges people **B** how much money people C how well educated people are facing. earn.

## **ACTIVITY 6**

Read the text and fill in gaps 32a-37a with the best option (A-H). Use each option only once. There are two options you do not need.

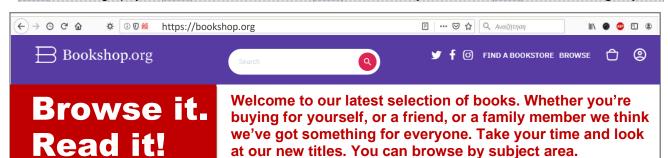


He had a lifelong commitment to composing music which speaks for freedom, human dignity and human

rights. He made his personal 37a \_\_\_\_ universal.

Match book descriptions 38a-43a with options A-H. There are two options you do not need.

Α.	Science Fiction	В.	World Atlas	C.	Coastal & Wildlife Guide	D.	Historical
E.	Autobiography	F.	Children & Teens	G.	Urban Lifestyles	Н.	Climate Emergency



#### 38a

This book encourages young people to understand that everyone finds life a bit difficult sometimes. There are some great tips for how you can deal with feeling isolated or anxious. It's good to understand that you're not alone. Lots of ideas for what you can do if you are finding sleeping difficult, or feel your mood changes a lot. Lots of really funny illustrations too. Suitable for 12 years olds.



#### 39a

We all love holidays and visit lots of different destinations – mountains, the countryside, sometimes even cities, but probably the most popular holidays are near the sea. What is better than spending a day on the beach swimming, enjoying the sun, and even reading a book? Have you ever visited the beach and thought what's that bird? what's that fish? what's that crab? what's that seaweed? This is a handy pocket-sized book to take to the beach with you.

#### **4**∩a

Tired of reading crime or romantic fiction? Give this novel a go. Set in 2050, human beings all have microchips in their wrists. Jake, the central character has just had his microchip installed. His life is changed for ever. There's no need for him to carry money with him when he goes out. He just swipes his arm, and it records what he's bought. But it seems it does a lot more too. Soon, Jake realises someone is tracking him. Follow Jake as he tries to evade being caught by the Red Team. An exciting fictional account of a futuristic...

#### 41a

The opening pages of this book depict a map of the world. It shows how temperature has increased globally in the last 20 years. It also shows on the same map the extent to which Arctic and Antarctic ice has melted. The following chapters are essentially urging individuals and governments to take action now with a focus on many environmental issues such as fossil fuels, and plastic in our oceans. It isn't an easy read but it's an important one.

#### 42a

Life in our cities is changing. There is a greater focus on how people in the 21st century living in densely populated human settlements can improve the quality of their life. From increasing green areas, to building bicycle lanes, to increasing ease of movement for pedestrians, this book raises lots of issues and comes up with lots of innovative ideas for living better lives in our cities.

#### 43a

**Becoming** is the memoir of former First Lady of the USA Michelle Obama. Published in 2018, it is described by the author as a deeply personal experience. It covers her whole life: her upbringing, her work, her time in the White House and her role as a mother. A fascinating read about a great woman.

Read the text and decide if the statements below (44a-50a) are True (A), False (B) or Not Stated (C).

1984 was written by George Orwell in 1949. He imagined a very different world set in the future. A world where people had to dress the same and were always being watched.



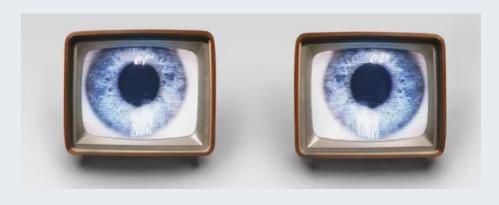
## Chapter 1

It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen. Winston Smith, his chin nuzzled into his breast in an effort to escape the vile wind, slipped quickly through the glass doors of Victory Mansions, though not quickly enough to prevent a swirl of gritty dust from entering along with him.

The hallway smelt of boiled cabbage and old rag mats. At one end of it a coloured poster, too large for indoor display, had been tacked to the wall. It depicted simply an enormous face, more than a metre wide: the face of a man of about forty-five, with a heavy black moustache and ruggedly handsome features. Winston made for the stairs. It was no use trying the lift. Even at the best of times it was seldom working, and at present the electric current was cut off during daylight hours. It was part of the economy drive in preparation for Hate Week. The flat was seven flights up, and Winston, who was thirty-nine and had a varicose ulcer above his right ankle, went slowly, resting several times on the way. On each landing, opposite the lift-shaft, the poster with the enormous face gazed from the wall. It was one of those pictures which are so contrived that the eyes follow you about when you move. BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU, the caption beneath it ran.

Inside the flat a fruity voice was reading out a list of figures which had something to do with the production of pig-iron. The voice came from an oblong metal plaque like a dulled mirror which formed part of the surface of the right-hand wall. Winston turned a switch and the voice sank somewhat, though the words were still distinguishable. The instrument (the telescreen, it was called) could be dimmed, but there was no way of shutting it off completely. He moved over to the window: a smallish, frail figure, the meagerness of his body merely emphasized by the blue overalls which were the uniform of the party. His hair was very fair, his face naturally sanguine, his skin roughened by coarse soap and blunt razor blades and the cold of the winter that had just ended.

Outside, even through the shut window-pane, the world looked cold. Down in the street little eddies of wind were whirling dust and torn paper into spirals, and though the sun was shining and the sky a harsh blue, there seemed to be no colour in anything, except the posters that were plastered everywhere. The black moustachio's face gazed down from every commanding corner. There was one on the house-front immediately opposite. BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU, the caption said, while the dark eyes looked deep into Winston's own. Down at street level another poster, torn at one corner, flapped fitfully in the wind, alternately covering and uncovering the single word INGSOC. In the far distance a helicopter skimmed down between the roofs, hovered for an instant like a bluebottle, and darted away again with a curving flight. It was the police patrol, snooping into people's windows. The patrols did not matter, however. Only the Thought Police mattered.

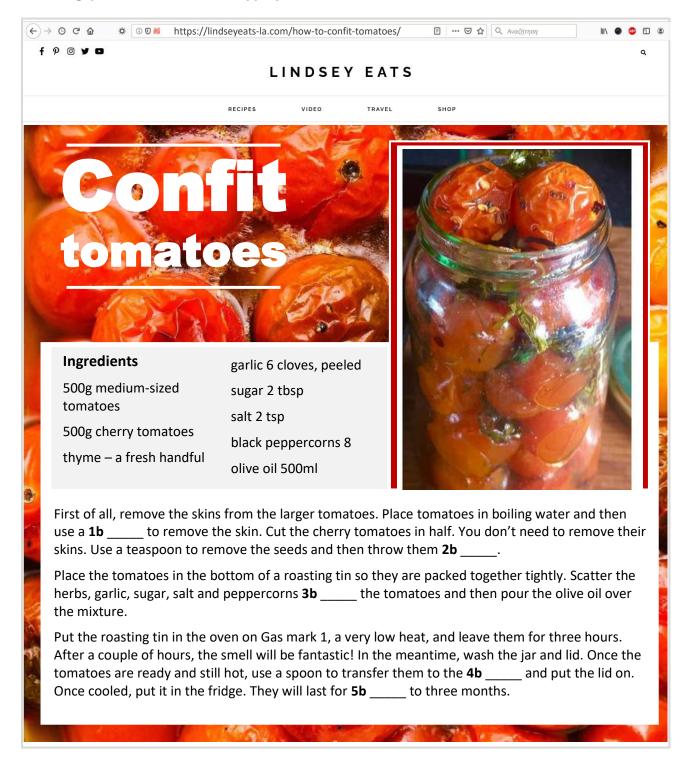


		Α	В	С
	STATEMENTS	TRUE	FALSE	NOT STATED
44a	The world that Orwell describes has nothing to do with the present.			
45a	Victory Mansions is a luxury apartment block.			
46a	The screen in Winston's flat could not be turned off completely.			
47a	Winston lived in the flat all alone.			
48a	Winston had to wear the same style and colour of clothes as other people.			
49a	The 'BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU' posters were only inside buildings.			
50a	People like Winston were being watched while they were at home.			

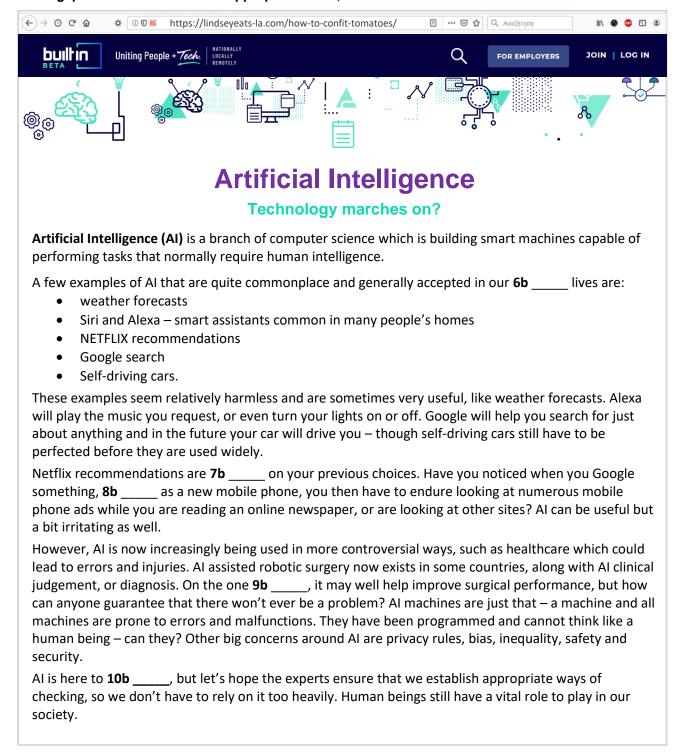
## **PART B - SHORT ANSWERS**

## **ACTIVITY 1**

Fill in gaps 1b-5b with the most appropriate word, so that the text makes sense.



Fill in gaps 6b-10b with the most appropriate word, so that the text makes sense.



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