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**English ab initio – Standard level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension**  
**Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite**  
**Inglés ab initio – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura**

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- La puntuación máxima para esta prueba de examen es **[40 puntos]**.



**Text A — Super Biker: Daughter Carries Father Across India on Bike**

Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in **paragraph 1**.

1. Jyoti's father was hurt in...

.....

2. Jyoti's father could not work because he...

.....

3. Jyoti and her father did not have enough money to...

.....

4. Jyoti and her father could not travel home by train because this...

.....

5. Choose the **four** true statements (paragraphs 2-3).

[4]

- A. Jyoti's father bought a bike for his daughter.
- B. Jyoti and her father took more than a week to travel home.
- C. Jyoti's father injured himself during the trip.
- D. Jyoti's father sat behind his daughter on the bike.
- E. Jyoti's father took some luggage with him.
- F. Jyoti and her father had nothing to eat for several days.
- G. Jyoti and her father were helped by people they knew.
- H. Jyoti and her father travelled by truck only once.



Answer the following questions (paragraphs 4-5).

6. Which word in **paragraph 4** tells us that Jyoti was very tired during the journey?

.....

7. According to Jyoti, why was the journey so hard?

.....

8. What was Jyoti's goal?

.....

9. Which words in **paragraph 5** tell us that more and more people heard about Jyoti's journey?

.....

10. For which personal quality did Jyoti receive an award?

.....

Choose the correct answer.

11. The text is about...

- A. how to explore India by bike.
- B. a bike trip around New Delhi.
- C. the dangers of roads in rural India.
- D. a very long journey by bike.



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**Text B — Happy Thanksgiving Canada!**

Choose an appropriate question from the list that completes each gap in the text.

12. [- 12 -]

13. [- 13 -]

14. [- 14 -]

- A. What did the First Nations eat to celebrate the harvest?
- B. Why is Thanksgiving celebrated in the fall?
- C. Who prepares the Thanksgiving meal?
- D. How is Thanksgiving celebrated today?
- E. Why did Martin Frobisher celebrate Thanksgiving?
- F. When did the Canadian Parliament start celebrating Thanksgiving?

Find the word or phrase in **paragraphs 1-2** which means the following:

15. a special meal

.....

16. a team

.....

17. a voyage

.....

18. unhurt

.....

19. tasty

.....



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Choose the correct answer (paragraphs 3–4).

20. Samuel de Champlain...

- A. invited French settlers and local people to feasts.
- B. took the idea of Thanksgiving to France.
- C. taught the local people about French festivals.
- D. became a member of the Canadian Parliament.

21. Who decided the exact date of the Thanksgiving celebrations?

- A. First Nations
- B. European settlers
- C. Samuel de Champlain
- D. The Canadian Parliament

22. Which of the following does **paragraph 4** say about Thanksgiving?

- A. All Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving in the same way.
- B. The meal takes three days to prepare.
- C. The meal uses vegetables from various seasons.
- D. Many Canadians enjoy a short work week.

23. The text is...

- A. an article about Canadian Thanksgiving past and present.
- B. an invitation to celebrate Canadian Thanksgiving.
- C. a blog about the writer's Canadian Thanksgiving.
- D. a guide on how to prepare a typical Canadian Thanksgiving.



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**Text C — Emma's story**

The following statements are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct option, then justify it using words as they appear in the text. **Both** parts are required for **[1 mark]** (lines 1–13).

**24.** EVS accepts volunteers of all ages.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**25.** Volunteers in EVS may work for more than 12 months.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**26.** Emma helps people with their regular routine.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

**27.** Emma feels she benefits from the work she does for others.

<input type="checkbox"/> True	Justification: .....
<input type="checkbox"/> False	.....

Choose the correct answer (lines 14–29).

**28.** While participating in EVS, Emma...

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A.</b> has finished her secondary studies.     |
|                          | <b>B.</b> has lived abroad.                       |
|                          | <b>C.</b> has visited several countries.          |
|                          | <b>D.</b> has chosen a career as a social worker. |

**29.** Which of the following is true about the lady in the library?

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>A.</b> She went to the library for the first time with Emma.     |
|                          | <b>B.</b> She is teaching Emma how to work in the library.          |
|                          | <b>C.</b> She made her own system for finding books.                |
|                          | <b>D.</b> She is now comfortable speaking to people in the library. |



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To whom or to what do the underlined words refer? Answer using words as they appear in the text.

30. ...learnt a lot in this role... (line 21)

.....

31. ...she seemed shy. (lines 23-24)

.....

32. ...it was a new situation... (line 24)

.....

33. ...that is best for them. (line 29)

.....

Choose an appropriate word from the list that completes each gap in the following text (lines 14-29).

Emma became a volunteer with EVS. This was the [ - 34 - ] decision for her. She worked with a young woman with learning disabilities who successfully met new challenges and became more [ - 35 - ] in her work. Emma herself became more [ - 36 - ] as she learnt that everyone works at a/an [ - 37 - ] speed to finish their tasks.

34. [ - 34 - ]

35. [ - 35 - ]

36. [ - 36 - ]

37. [ - 37 - ]

- A. different
- B. enthusiastic
- C. fast
- D. independent
- E. interested
- F. right
- G. understanding
- H. wrong





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