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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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Text A — Fishermen use lights to catch scallops

1. Choose the **four** true statements (lines 1–13).

[4]

A. Scientists wanted to catch crabs and lobsters using lights.

B. The scientists used fish to attract the scallops.

C. Jon Ashworth is a scientist.

D. Jon Ashworth has used lights to catch scallops before.

E. The research proved scallops stay away from lights.

F. The research used 901 pots with no lights.

G. 518 scallops were caught in pots with lights.

H. Dr. Rob Enever believes the research could change the way people fish.

Answer the following questions (lines 14–19).

2. How do people who fish for fun collect scallops?

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3. What do commercial fishermen use to catch scallops?

.....

4. What type of fish is already caught using lights?

.....



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

5. They were able to catch... (line 4)

.....

6. had scallops in it... (line 6)

.....

7. they come in... (line 12)

.....

8. Instead, they often drag... (line 15)

.....

Choose the correct answer.

9. According to the text, what will the new fishing method help people to do?

- A. Create more jobs for fishermen.
- B. Know more about scallops.
- C. Catch scallops by hand.
- D. Protect the sea floor.



Text B — Mellowcabs are here!

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

10. [- 10 -]

11. [- 11 -]

12. [- 12 -]

13. [- 13 -]

- A. Pollution in South Africa
- B. How Mellowcabs are powered
- C. Customer experience
- D. Mellowcab driving techniques
- E. Commuting in South Africa
- F. Mellowcabs in the dark
- G. How Mellowcabs make money
- H. Mellowcab safety

Answer the following questions (paragraphs 1-2).

14. According to the text, what type of people have cars in South Africa?

.....

15. What is it like inside a minibus taxi in South Africa?

.....

16. What happens when the driver pedals the Mellowcab?

.....

17. How does braking help the Mellowcab?

.....



Find the words that complete the following sentences. Answer using the words as they appear in **paragraphs 3-4**.

18. The Mellowcab is comfortable because there is...

.....

19. Customers who want to give feedback about a driver can...

.....

20. The Mellowcab is easy to see at night because it is...

.....

21. Mellowcab chooses adverts...

.....

Choose the correct answer.

22. What does **paragraph 5** say about Mellowcabs?

- A. They are dangerous.
- B. They are useful for shorter journeys.
- C. They are similar to traditional taxis.
- D. They use too much advertising.

23. The overall purpose of the text is to...

- A. describe how Mellowcabs move.
- B. describe how Mellowcabs operate.
- C. persuade people to buy a Mellowcab.
- D. persuade people to work for Mellowcabs.



Text C — Lily’s passion for upcycling expands into homeware business

Find the word or phrase in **paragraph 1** which means the following:

24. ability

.....

25. domestic

.....

26. created

.....

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]** (paragraphs 2–4).

27. Lily chose to go to university.

True Justification:

False

28. People around Lily wanted her to go to university.

True Justification:

False

29. Lily sells her items on the internet.

True Justification:

False

30. Lily focused on selling homeware items from the start.

True Justification:

False



Choose the correct answer (paragraphs 5-7).

31. Many of Lily's products are special because she...

- A. uses the Internet.
- B. transforms old items.
- C. buys them in bulk.
- D. invents a story for each one.

32. Lily talks to people in shops to...

- A. select the oldest item.
- B. find out how to use the item.
- C. get the best possible price for the item.
- D. understand the background of the item.

Choose the appropriate word from the list that completes each gap in the following text (paragraphs 8-9).

Lily offers useful [- 33 -] for young people like her. She says that focus and organization are important. Lily believes her [- 34 -] and her beliefs are closely linked. She also recommends reducing the amount of [- 35 -] young people need to do. Next, Lily aims to increase her customer [- 36 -] by displaying her work at local fairs.

33. [- 33 -]

34. [- 34 -]

35. [- 35 -]

36. [- 36 -]

- A. numbers
- B. business
- C. training
- D. marketing
- E. satisfaction
- F. education
- G. advice
- H. work

Choose the correct answer.

37. This text is...

- A. written for Lily's online blog.
- B. a guide to starting a business.
- C. based on an interview with Lily.
- D. a review of Lily's products.



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