

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST
FORM - 8**

READING 1

Read the text about a family trip to see dolphins. Below the text there are ten statements about it. Decide if each sentence is “True” or “False”. If the sentence is true, put a letter **“T”**, if it is false, put letter **“F”**.

Dolphin Trip

By Paul Hannan

My family has always been huge fans of New Zealand – my mum comes from the capital – so we saved up and went for a holiday there. We started with a week in the city she grew up in. After that, we toured around for a while before ending up by chance in Kaikoura, a small town on the coast. The first evening it seemed a rather dull place, but the next day I remembered what I’d read about it – that it was often possible to see dolphins and whales there! I’ll always think of Kaikoura as the place where I finally achieved my lifelong ambition – to swim with wild dolphins.

My family and I set off on a dolphin trip on a cold, grey day with a number of other people on a small boat. However, the sky soon turned blue, and we raced across the waves in the sunshine until we finally reached the place where we were supposed to go swimming. To my surprise, this was more than 40 km from land. I was quite cold by this time, and already starting to wonder why my family had made me come all the way out there, when suddenly someone shouted “Dolphins!”

All I could see were fins everywhere – there were more than a hundred dolphins, all swimming towards our boat! Many of them were jumping around in the water as if they were asking us to come and play. I put on my snorkel and jumped into the sea. Everywhere I looked, all I could see was dolphins, swimming under me and round me. Then I remembered the guide had told us to make sounds in the water to attract them. So I did and actually heard them making similar sounds, as if they were trying to answer me. I even made eye contact with one dolphin, and watched it carefully as it swam round in a circle. Amazingly, the dolphin almost followed me, but then changed its mind, although it kept eye contact with me all the time. It really made me realize how intelligent and beautiful these creatures are.

Then after an hour of swimming the guides called us to get back onto the boat. Although I had enjoyed myself, I was keen to leave the water by then as I was very cold. As I got dry I noticed that everyone on board was smiling and I realized what a very special moment we’d had.

I’ll never forget that experience, and Kaikoura will always have a special place in my heart.

1. Paul has family connections with the place he first visited in New Zealand.
2. Paul and his family chose to go to Kaikoura as part of their tour.
3. As soon as Paul arrived in Kaikoura he knew he might see some dolphins there.
4. The weather got worse during Paul’s boat trip.
5. Paul had expected to go swimming closer to land.
6. Paul was planning to feel unhappy about the trip until someone saw the dolphins.
7. Paul believed the dolphins were inviting him to join them in the water.
8. Paul felt that he had failed to communicate with the dolphins.
9. One dolphin copied exactly what Paul did in the water.
10. Paul was pleased when the guides finally called them back onto the boat.

READING 2

Read the text, look at the questions below. For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D** on your answer sheet.

One to watch!

Essay by Jessica Bourne, aged 14

I’m a big fan of films featuring the spy James Bond. I’ve got most of them on DVD. We’ve recently bought *Quantum of Solace*, in which Daniel Craig plays the part of Bond. I don’t know why the film’s got that name – but it’s a great movie, anyway.

All the actors who’ve played James Bond have been great, but Daniel Craig, who’s made lots of other films, plays the part better than any of them. Even though he doesn’t talk very much, I think he’s the most perfect actor for the role. He even does a few of the more dangerous things in the film himself, instead of getting someone else to do them. I did wonder sometimes whether he’d be clever enough to

defeat the bad people – but I'm not going to tell you the ending! The actress who stars with Craig gives a fantastic performance too – I loved all the glamorous clothes she wore!

The director probably had a hard job making this Bond film as full of action as earlier ones. But the excitement starts right at the beginning here, with a car chase along a mountain road, and plenty of other thrilling scenes, too – Bond leaping off tall buildings and so on. Unfortunately I found the story difficult to follow in places, and it also seemed to be over very quickly – it lasted under two hours. I also felt there weren't as many jokes as in the old Bond films. And where was all the ridiculous Bond equipment – the underwater car or exploding watch that everyone laughed at? This is a more serious, darker Bond film, but I still really enjoyed it.

1. What is Jessica trying to do in her essay?

- A. explain what first attracted her to Bond films
- B. tell readers about the Bond DVDs she owns
- C. give a balanced view of a Bond film she has seen
- D. describe how Daniel Craig got the part of James Bond

2. What can a reader find out from Jessica's essay?

- A. whether Quantum of Solace is her favourite Bond film
- B. what other films Daniel Craig has made
- C. which other actors have played James Bond
- D. whether she thinks Daniel Craig is the best James Bond

3. What does Jessica tell us about Craig in the new Bond film?

- A. He performs some of the action scenes.
- B. He wears some stylish clothes.
- C. He is given a lot of lines to say.
- D. He looks strong and fit enough to fight the criminals.

4. What is one problem with the film, according to Jessica?

- A. It seems a bit too long.
- B. It's sometimes hard to understand what's happening.
- C. It has too much silly technology in it.
- D. It has jokes that aren't very funny.

GRAMMAR

Choose the correct answer:

1. He will translate the text if he a dictionary at hand.
a) will have b) has c) have
2. When I entered the room, she on the sofa.
a) lay b) was lying c) was lying
3. She never drinks strong coffee,?
a) ..., does she? b) doesn't she? c) isn't she?
4. Can you come next time?
a) more early b) the earlier c) earlier
5. His smile was something she before.
a) has never seen b) had never seen c) never saw
6. We are going for a work. Who to go with us?
a) want b) does want c) wants
7. We from him since he left for Kiev.
a) didn't hear b) haven't heard c) hadn't heard.
8. Mary hasn't... free time.
a) any b) some
9. This film
a) is speaking much about. b) is much spoken about c) speaks much about
10. When she sees ... you have done, she will be very angry. a) that b) what c) so

Примечание: контрольная работа состоит из 2х заданий – Чтение №1 (сильные/средние группы)
Чтение №2 (слабые группы)
- Грамматика