



Pre-reading

S When a question asks which is the **best title** for the passage, it is important to:

1. **compare the options** and circle any **keywords**
2. read the **introduction** and **conclusion** to get the **purpose of writing**
3. read the **topic sentence** of each paragraph to get the **main theme**

e.g.

We should use the mobile phone **properly**. **Follow** these:

- 📞 Don't talk on the phone loudly in public places.
- 📞 Switch it off or to the silent mode in the library, cinema or church.
- 📞 Never text or talk on the phone when driving.

Which is the best title for the text?

- A. History of Mobile Phones **B. Mobile Phone Manners**
 C. Daily Usage of Mobile Phones D. Importance of Mobile Phones

'**Properly**' and '**follow**' show that the text is about the **appropriate ways of using mobile phones**.

Warm Up

Read the text carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1-4.

(8 marks @ 2 marks)

1.

The sea is the home of many different kinds of sea animals. However, it is facing a lot of pollution. Many sea animals die every year because of the pollutants in the sea. The problem is getting worse day by day and is very worrying.

Read the introduction of an article. Which is the best title for the article?

- A. Use Less Water
 B. Let's Protect the Sea
 C. Different Kinds of Sea Animals
 D. Common Pollutants in the Sea

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pollutant: something that pollutes the environment

2. Keeping a pet is fun but it also brings a lot of responsibilities. Do you know how to take care of them properly? Do you have enough time for them? Will you bring them to the vet when they are ill? We truly hope that everyone can think twice before they buy or adopt a pet.

Read the conclusion of an article. Which is the best title for the article?

- A. Are You Really Ready to be a Pet Owner?
- B. How to Adopt a Pet
- C. Take Good Care of Pets
- D. Annoying Pets

3. The study is great news to coffee lovers. Not only does coffee taste good, but it can also help prevent heart diseases. Now, coffee lovers have a better reason to enjoy a cup of coffee in a relaxing afternoon.

Read the conclusion of an article. Which is the best title for the article?

- A. Drink a Cup of Coffee Every Day
- B. How to Prevent Heart Diseases
- C. A Healthy Drink—Coffee
- D. Coffee and Heart Diseases

4. Many scientists believe insects have the abilities to tell when the weather is about to change. This is because insects are cold-blooded creatures, which are highly sensitive to the change of weather. Scientists are trying to predict natural disasters by observing insects' behaviour.

Read the introduction of an article. Which is the best title for the article?

- A. Insects Help Predict Natural Disasters
- B. Loyal Friends of Humans
- C. Insects Change the Weather
- D. Insect Lovers—Scientists

Let's Practise

 8 min

Gary is writing an e-mail to his best friend, Sandy. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1-5. (10 marks @ 2 marks)

To: Sandy Chan <sandychan@freemail.com>

From: Gary Lam <garylam@freemail.com>

Date: 14 July, 20XX 16:33

Subject:

B *I* U **T** **↑** **↓** **A** **T**            *I*_x 

Hi Sandy,

I am writing to apologise for what I did and said to you at school today. I was very sad and annoyed because my pencil case was missing. It was a gift from my grandfather. He wanted me to study hard so he bought me that as my birthday present when I was five. He passed away two years ago, so the pencil case is very precious to me.

This afternoon, I was so upset when I found out my pencil case was missing. When you noticed that and asked me what happened, I thought you stole my pencil case to **play tricks on me**, so I **blamed you** and **shouted at you** loudly.

When you started crying, I realised I had been very mean to you. Later, I found the pencil case in my locker. I forgot to take it out after lunch. I knew you did not take it away. I **felt bad for my actions**.

I am always happy when I play and chat with you. I don't want to lose a good friend like you. Please accept my apology. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours,

Gary

- Gary's pencil case was a birthday present from _____.
 - Sandy
 - his grandfather
 - his class teacher
 - his mother
 - From paragraph 2, we know that Sandy _____.
 - was worried about Gary
 - stole Gary's pencil case
 - found out her pencil case was missing
 - shouted at Gary loudly
 - Where did Gary find his pencil case?
 - In Sandy's school bag
 - In Sandy's locker
 - In his locker
 - In his school bag
 - In paragraphs 2 and 3, which underlined words show that Gary felt very sorry?
 - play tricks on me
 - blamed you
 - shouted at you
 - felt bad for my actions
- S** 5. The subject of the e-mail is missing. Which is the best subject for the e-mail?
 - My Pencil Case
 - My Grandfather and I
 - I'm Sorry
 - Our Friendship

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The subject of an e-mail is similar to the title of an article.