

APELLIDOS, NOMBRE:

READING COMPREHENSION. 30 MINUTES. (Marks/18)

This paper is in two parts. There is one mark for each correct answer. No marks are deducted for wrong answers. You need 50% of the total to pass.

PART 1. Look at the sentences below about Jane Austen. Then read the text to decide if each sentence is True (T) or False (F). If there is not enough information to answer True (T) or False (F) choose Doesn't Say (DS). Cross (x) the correct answer.

Jane Austen: a great English novelist

Jane Austen is celebrated as one of England's greatest novelists, but at her funeral in Winchester Cathedral in 1817, there was no mention of her books and some of her novels remained unpublished after her death. Today, an exhibition in the Cathedral details her life and work.

She was born in 1775 in Hampshire to the Reverend George Austen and his wife Cassandra (also the name of Jane's only sister and life-long friend). She enjoyed a happy childhood in a large and creative family. She began writing stories and started her first novel, *Pride and Prejudice*, when she was twenty years old. It was published eighteen years later. She also wrote five more novels that have become English classics.

In 1800, they moved to Bath. When her father died in 1805, she returned with her mother and Cassandra to Southampton. Four years later, they moved to a cottage in Chawton, now a museum to her work. Here, Jane began to write seriously: *Sense and Sensibility*, *Mansfield Park* and *Emma* were published in the 1810s; *Northanger Abbey* and *Persuasion* were published after her death.

By 1816, Jane was beginning to feel unwell. In May 1817, she and Cassandra drove the 16 miles from Chawton to Winchester in heavy rain. They stayed in College Street, next to the Cathedral. The plan was to get help from a famous doctor at Winchester hospital. But Jane's illness got worse. She died in Cassandra's arms, early in the morning of 18 July 1817. She was buried in the Cathedral, a building she admired. Only four people attended her funeral.

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| 1. Her first novel was published when she was thirty-eight years old. | T | F | DS |
| 2. She wrote six novels in total. | T | F | DS |
| 3. When she was young, people liked her stories very much. | T | F | DS |
| 4. Jane had a big family but only one sister. | T | F | DS |
| 5. Her last home was made into a museum. | T | F | DS |
| 6. Jane Austen and Cassandra went from Chawton to Winchester on horseback. | T | F | DS |
| 7. <i>Sense and Sensibility</i> was an immediate success. | T | F | DS |
| 8. She was buried in Winchester Cathedral because she was a popular writer. | T | F | DS |

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PART 2. Read the text below and choose the correct word(s) for each space. For each question, mark the letter (A, B or C) next to the correct word with a cross (x).

What to expect on a winter visit to the Canary Islands?

Lanzarote, (1)..... the other half-dozen Canary Islands, is warm all year round. The Canaries provide a pleasant escape route for British travellers. You'll (2)..... great hotels, well-preserved culture, and good organisation for everything from roads (3)..... medical care.

The geographic location is African rather than European, (4)..... is excellent for anyone looking (5)..... winter sun. Lanzarote is on the same latitude as Orlando in Florida (6)..... it is much easier to get to, just a four-hour (7)..... from many UK airports.

Right now the sea is (8)..... reasonably warm although the average daily temperature varies between 18° and 20°C. Inland, (9)..... much to explore in the dramatic volcanic landscape, carefully decorated (10)..... the island's favourite artist, César Manrique.

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| 2. | A meet | B find | C stay |
| 3. | A until | B to | C at |
| 4. | A who | B where | C which |
| 5. | A at | B for | C after |
| 6. | A but | B because | C why |
| 7. | A flight | B drive | C ride |
| 8. | A yet | B still | C ever |
| 9. | A there is | B has | C there are |
| 10. | A for | B by | C with |