

- 31 What motivated Dan and his friends to go to the dance studio?
- A They thought their favourite singer might be there, too.
B They were keen to impress at an event they were attending.
C They hoped they might be invited to dance on stage at a concert.
D They knew the studio taught dance moves to their favourite band's music.
- 32 How did Dan feel when he arrived at the studio?
- A** nervous that he might not be able to keep up
B disappointed that one of his friends hadn't come
C irritated that he'd had to get up so early
D tired because of a lack of sleep
- 33 On entering the dance studio, Dan's impression was that
- A they were going to focus more on exercise than dance.
B the class was going to be more serious than he'd hoped.
C it resembled a gym rather than a studio.
D they had accidentally enrolled for the wrong activity.
- 34 Why did Dan describe the warm-up as a *shock to the system*?
- A The other students there were even worse dancers than him.
B The music they danced to was not at all what he'd expected.
C The moves were far from the gentle introduction he'd imagined.
D The session was led by some strict professional dancers.
- 35 What does Dan mean when he says he'd 'got the hang of it' in line 28?
- A He'd progressed as far as he was going to.
B He'd understood what he was supposed to do.
C He'd decided he was ready to give up.
D He'd persuaded himself that he was talented.
- 36 What would be a suitable title for the story?
- A My talented friends
B An impossible ambition
C The best concert I've ever been to
D A way of joining in

Advice

32 What does Dan mean when he says he wasn't exactly overflowing with confidence when he arrived?

Test 1 Exam practice

Reading and Use of English • Part 6

You are going to read an article about diamonds in space. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A–G the one which fits each gap (37–42). There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Tips! Read through each paragraph carefully. What is each one about?

DIAMONDS IN THE SKY

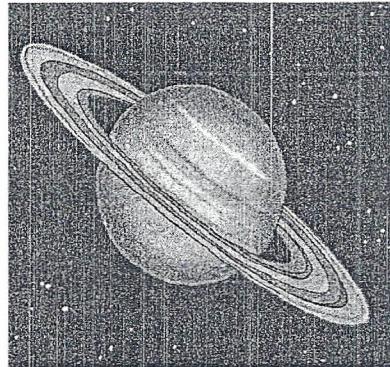
We're probably all familiar with the feeling of walking out of the door, only to find the weather is miserable. Grey skies hang overhead, it's chilly and it's pouring down.

37 **G** And believe it or not, this isn't the start of the latest science fiction story from a fantasy magazine.

Research by scientists indicates that's exactly what could be happening around planets like Jupiter and Saturn. There's evidence to suggest that the atmosphere surrounding these two huge planets could be filled with enormous – and priceless – diamonds. 38 **B** However, the precious objects would have to be collected before they got too near to the planet's surface, as they might be melted by the temperatures there and the extreme pressure in the planet's atmosphere.

And the diamonds in question could be bigger than anyone has ever seen. Some may be not much more than a few centimetres across, which is still enough to make them very valuable. 39 **D** However, others could have grown to reach a substantial size, which would pose significant problems for anyone trying to collect them.

For anyone interested in chemistry, the science behind the formation of these diamonds is interesting. Apparently, the diamonds may have been formed by storms, in which the flashes of lightning have transformed a gas called methane, present on Jupiter. 40 **A** It is thought the process is due, among other things, to the intense heat of the lightning. The material then hardens into pieces of graphite – used in pencils – which in turn eventually becomes diamond – the hardest substance known to man.



Advice

37 What is this experience like? Pleasant or not so pleasant?

38 The paragraph is talking about collecting the diamonds. Why might scientists want to do that?

For scientists this has come as something of a surprise. It was previously thought that planets such as Uranus and Neptune might well contain precious stones, but it was believed that Jupiter and Saturn did not have suitable atmospheres. However, after more research into conditions on the two planets, scientists have agreed that diamonds could easily be raining down, on Saturn in particular. They are careful to point out, though, that closer to the planet the temperature is so extreme that the diamonds would be unable to remain in their solid form.

41 **E** And because of the size of the planets, the quantity of diamonds there could be considerable.

Of course, no-one has been able to actually travel to either Saturn or Jupiter so far to confirm whether this theory is correct. 42 **C** The same conditions have been recreated, putting liquid methane under intense pressure to observe the result. When intense heat was also applied, diamond dust was formed. Experts agree that such complex chemical reactions may well be taking place on these planets. In the meantime, writers and filmmakers will undoubtedly waste no time in using their imagination to incorporate the findings into fantasy films and books. And who knows – in years to come, scientific advances may mean that these stories no longer appear so fantastic after all!

Test 1 Exam practice

Reading and Use of English • Part 7

You are going to read an article about four young people taking part in swimming races in open water. For questions 43–52, choose from the people (A–D). The people may be chosen more than once.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Tip! Read closely when you think you have found the answer to a question. There may be information in more than one paragraph which appears to answer a question, but it won't be completely correct in both. Check carefully!

Which person

made a costly mistake about what strategy to use in the water?

43 **B**

found they were handling poor conditions more easily than some other competitors?

44 **D**

was lucky to have escaped being injured while swimming?

45 **A**

was on the way to victory at an early point in their race?

46 **C**

felt confident about producing a good performance prior to the race?

47 **A**

remained unaware for some time that others in the race were in difficulty?

48 **D**

exceeded their own expectations in the initial stages?

49 **B**

missed out on winning due to an unfortunate occurrence?

50 **C**

received much-needed support at a critical point?

51 **D**

felt they'd learned from the race despite not being successful?

52 **B**

Advice

44 Look for a reference to poor conditions. B says the water was rough, and D mentions conditions were dire. Which one found that other swimmers were not continuing with the race?

49 Which person was surprised to keep up with the leaders early on, as they knew those swimmers were better?