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FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Component 1 Reading Level 1

Tuesday 16 January 2018

Morning

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Materials

- You will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this answer book.
- Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 18.
There are 6 marks for Section A and 12 marks for Section B.
- You may use a dictionary.

Advice

- You are advised to check your work carefully.

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For this exam you are going to read two texts to do with dogs.

Answer **all** questions.

Section A

Read **Source A**. You have been asked to find out how successful this leaflet is in getting information across by answering the questions which follow.

Source A



Your Christmas gift of £7 will help us care for innocent dogs who have lost their homes because their owners can't afford to keep them.

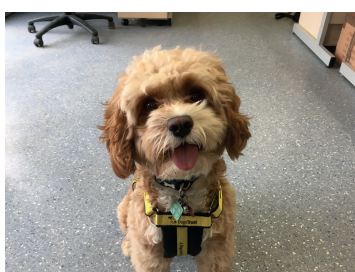
Many people are struggling to make ends meet. Housing costs and uncertainty about jobs have meant that, sometimes, man's best friend is the first to suffer. Rises in the cost of living mean people can no longer afford dog food, or they have to move to a smaller house where there is no room for a beloved pet.

As a result, at Dogs Trust we are finding that more and more dogs are brought to us after losing their homes. Over the last 12 months, we've taken in and cared for around 17 000 lost and abandoned dogs in our network of 21 rehoming centres. We've had dogs bundled over the fence or even tied to the gates at some of our centres.



Lemmy was left tied to a gate opposite our Salisbury Centre. £3 helps to pay for toys for dogs like Lemmy.

George was abandoned near one of our centres at night. He told us he was there by barking until he was let in – at 2:30 in the morning! £5 helps pay for blankets and heating for dogs like George.



Murphy is 10 years old. He suffers from arthritis so he needs medication. £7 could help pay for his treatment.

We are extremely proud to say that we never destroy a healthy dog and do our best to find them loving homes. But the more dogs we take in, the larger our bills become so we urgently need the help and support of people like you.

All our dogs are checked by the vet, vaccinated, microchipped and neutered. Some require urgent medical attention: others will need medical treatment for the rest of their lives. It costs us more than £3 million a year just for vet bills.

Thank you for taking time to read this: we would be very grateful for any support you can give.



For **Questions 1 to 6**, write the letter for each answer in the box given.

1 The main point of the leaflet is to

- A** explain how badly dogs are treated.
- B** raise more money for Dogs Trust.
- C** inform people what Dogs Trust do.
- D** describe how hard life is for people with no money.

Answer

[1 mark]

2 The leaflet says that

- A** only 1700 dogs have been lost in the past year.
- B** Murphy needs £10 to pay for his medication.
- C** toys for dogs like Lemmy can be bought for £3.
- D** George was abandoned after 2:30 in the morning.

Answer

[1 mark]

3 The leaflet explains that

- A** some people can no longer afford a smaller house.
- B** some centres have bundles of toys put over the fence.
- C** all the dogs need medical treatment for life.
- D** Dogs Trust does not put down healthy dogs.

Answer

[1 mark]

4 The main point being made about Dogs Trust is that they

- A** never have enough money to care for all the dogs.
- B** only need people to give money at Christmas.
- C** need more than 21 rehoming centres.
- D** urgently need more vets.

Answer

[1 mark]

5 The leaflet informs us that all the dogs who are abandoned

- A** will be found new loving homes.
- B** will be neutered and microchipped.
- C** are unwanted by their owners.
- D** were left outside the rehoming centres.

Answer

[1 mark]

6 Dogs Trust hope that, after reading this leaflet, people will

- A** not bring their dogs to a rehoming centre.
- B** buy more toys and blankets for Dogs Trust.
- C** make sure their home has enough room for a dog.
- D** give Dogs Trust as much money as they can afford.

Answer

[1 mark]

6

Turn over ►



Section B

Read **Source B** then answer the questions that follow.

Source B



A Day In The Life: Dog Unit



We recently spent a day in the life of the Police Dog Unit in Glasgow to learn a bit more about the role of **dog handlers**.

A police dog might be used to help in searches for missing persons; for people trying to hide from the police; for weapons or other evidence.

The dogs must be fed at 5 am to get them ready to start work at 11 am. The dogs need time to digest their food before they start being active. A specialist dog might be used to keep the Queen safe at a royal visit or to search for bombs or drugs.

Being a **police dog handler** is more than just a job, it's a partnership for life between dog and handler that lasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The **dog handler** must look after their dogs to make sure they are fit and strong. He/she must also keep the dogs disciplined so they can do their duties well. **Dog handlers** may also need to deal with dangerous dogs using some specialist equipment like electric shields.

Any officer can apply to be a **dog handler** after their training period. After an interview there is an assessment week which is very physical and then an exam at the end. Officers will learn about the specialist equipment that is used including bite bars, bite sleeves and bite jackets.

Being a **dog handler** is a unique job unlike any other. It's a very challenging and demanding task that involves a lot of work. It's also a very rewarding role that starts with training a puppy and sharing your experiences with the dog for most of their working life.



Write your answers in the spaces provided. The questions in this section are testing what you have understood about the text. The questions are **not** testing your writing.

7 Your school or college has been looking at careers in the police force. You have been asked to create a PowerPoint about the role of dog handler.

From **Source B** select the information to put in your PowerPoint.

You should include:

7(a) **four** duties a police dog might be trained to do.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

7(b) **four** things a dog handler does as part of his or her job.

[4 marks]

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

8

Turn over ►



8 Look at the way **Source B** has been presented.

List **two** ways it has been presented and say why each one would make it easy for people to understand.

[4 marks]

First way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

Second way presented: _____

This makes it easy to understand because _____

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