

READING**(THE SECOND TERM)****VARIANT 1**

1. **Read the text and choose the correct word (A - D) for each blank.**

NOBEL

Most people have heard of the Nobel Prize but do you know where the name comes from? The prize is named after Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist who (1) dynamite. Nobel was born in 1833 in Stockholm and studied in St Petersburg, Russia, and in the USA. When he returned home he worked in his father's factory developing weapons and explosives. In 1864, Alfred's younger brother and four other people were killed in an explosion in the factory. After this Alfred (2) his life to developing safer explosives. Three years later he made dynamite which was "much more stable than any other explosive at that time. Nobel also invented several other types of explosives and he became very rich, owning factories all over the world. Nobel was worried about some of the uses of his inventions and he (3) a lot of time and money trying to promote world peace. He was also very (4) in science and literature and when he died in 1896 he wanted his money to be used to set up the Nobel Prize. Each year this great honour is awarded to someone who has made a (5) contribution to World Peace, Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Economics and Literature.

	A	B	C	D
1)	improved	invented	discovered	found
2)	realized	revolutionized	offered	dedicated
3)	spent	filled	used	occupied
4)	fascinated	curious	interested	keen
5)	most	main	major	minor

2. **Use such reading strategies as scanning and skimming to answer the questions to the text.**

1) What is the Nobel Prize given for?

2) The prize is named after Alfred Nobel, isn't it?

3) What made Nobel very rich and famous all over the world?

4) Was Nobel's brother the inventor of explosives?

3. Read the text. Choose the words from the box to fill in the gaps.

like	depends	go	need	gets	take	change
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How I spend my free time (1) on lots of things. For one thing, there's the time of a year. In summer, I (2) to be outside as much as possible. I try to (3) advantage of the warm weather, and play games in the park or go swimming. I love being with my friends, telling each other jokes. Then when the weather (4) worse, in winter, I have to (5) what I do with my spare time. It becomes too cold to spend very long time outside, so you (6) to think of indoors activities. One of my friends lives in a huge house, so we all (7) round there most evenings. We watch DVDs or listen to music. And tell jokes, of course.

4. Match the words to their definitions. Write the correct word.

bored	depressed	annoyed
aggressive	cheerful	excited

- 1) tired because there is nothing to do =
- 2) showing/feeling eagerness and enthusiasm =
- 3) in a good mood, happy =
- 4) fairly angry =
- 5) sad, without enthusiasm or hope =
- 6) ready to attack or quarrel =

READING**(THE SECOND TERM)****VARIANT 2**

1. Read the text and choose the correct word (A - D) for each blank.

DARWIN

Can you imagine an idea that is so controversial (1) people have been arguing about it for more than 100 years? In 1858, Charles Darwin published a book on evolution. One of the ideas in this book was that over thousands of years ago, men had evolved from apes. (2) today many people still do not believe that this is true. Darwin was born in England in 1809 and he studied at Cambridge University. (3) he was 22, he left England on a ship called the HMS Beagle. The Beagle was going on a five-year voyage around the coast and islands of South America. On the voyage, Darwin had many opportunities to explore and study many of the different species of animals that could be found there. This was (4) he developed most of his scientific ideas.

Darwin was a very careful and cautious man. He did not publish his theory for more than 20 years. He wanted to do as much research as possible even though he knew that many people would not agree with his ideas.

By the time Charles Darwin died in 1882, his work was highly (5) and he had become one of the most influential men in history.

	A	B	C	D
1)	as	such	than	that
2)	Also	Even	Still	Up to
3)	How	While	When	As
4)	what	why	how	who
5)	appreciated	respected	admired	rewarded

2. Use such reading strategies as scanning and skimming to answer the questions to the text.

1) What is Charles Darwin famous for?

2) Was Darwin born in England or the USA?

3) Can you agree with the ideas of Darwin's greatest research? Explain why.

4) Darwin didn't publish his theory for 20 years, did he?

3. Read a letter written by an imaginary student in the year 2050. Choose words from the box to fill in the gaps.

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I know it's different for me and for my parents. They (1) they can remember a world (2) the Internet. There was, they (3) me, a building called a library where you could go. These buildings contained many books and there were people (4) who gave you advice. Well, (5) all sounds very strange to me! Perhaps one day in the future, the wheel will turn full circle and we will start to build libraries (6), as if they (7) a new invention!

4. Match the words to their meaning. Circle the correct answer.

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| 1) famine | a) lack of water |
| | b) lack of food |
| 2) drought | a) a long period with no rain |
| | b) a lot of rain |
| 3) committed | a) wanted or desired |
| | b) determined to achieve a goal |
| 4) donation | a) prize |
| | b) money given to a charity |
| 5) priority | a) majority |
| | b) the most important thing |
| 6) self-contained | a) complete |
| | b) under control |

