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Instructions:

In this test you will find reading activities designed to check your skills in reading English at an Intermediate level.

You must answer several questions about a written text. To do it right, first read the text carefully and then answer the questions.

In some of the questions circle the correct answer. There is only one possible answer. For example:

1. This text is in _____

- a. German.
- b. English
- c. French
- d. Italian

If you make a mistake or you think that you have been wrong, cross out the wrong option and circle the correct one. For example:

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In other questions, you must write the full answer in English.

Write all your answers in blue or black ink and do not write anything in the small boxes below.

You have a maximum of 30 minutes to answer the test.

Read the text:



'I still get a buzz after every jump'

By Angela Knight

The skydivers, close to achieving the formation needed for the record.

When it comes to raising money for charity, some people jog, others may cycle, and some bake cakes, but Tina Wisemen does something amazing: she jumps out of aeroplanes at 15,000ft. Angela Knight spoke to her.

5 Courageous Tina Wiseman was part of an elite team of skydivers who made a new British Women's Formation Skydive Record. The thrillseeker was one of 68 experienced women skydivers - called the Britchicks - who took part in the amazing freefall.

10 The 35-year-old boarded one of four planes which carried the women to an altitude of 15,000ft above Langar Airfield, near Nottingham. Safety was a priority as the women had to freefall at 120mph for 60 seconds and make a red cross before opening their parachutes.

This was the group's third attempt at making a new British Women's Formation Skydive Record. Although the women had practised this jump intensively on the ground, they were extremely nervous and the ride to altitude was made in absolute silence as the group remained focused on the job at hand.

15 Flying the four planes in close formation, the pilots gave the women the best possible chance to build the tight formation. As the formation grew, tension in the build meant that some skydivers' grips dropped so, on landing safely, no-one knew whether the record had been made.

20 "With so many red suits in the air we had to be extra-careful about not colliding and about finding the right hand holds as everyone looks the same in red suits," said Tina, who works as an acoustic consultant for Sandy Brown Associates, in London. "We all compared notes and thought we had made a cross. But for a second, some hand holds had been missing, then retaken, then let go again, because it is so difficult to hold it all together."

25 The judges and team captains spent an hour reviewing the video footage and photographs to examine every grip. After an agonising wait, the team were thrilled to hear that the previous 60-way record made in 2004 had officially been broken.

30 Tina is over the moon: "We still cannot believe it. It was our last chance to make it happen because high winds were forecast. It was a very difficult and fragile formation to build and took a lot of skill, team discipline and concentration. It's a fantastic achievement. I am so proud to be part of this incredible team. Together we have helped raise awareness and funds for the British Red Cross, which provides overseas humanitarian aid but also helps people in crisis in the UK. The Red Cross is full of anonymous heroes."

Tina completed her first charity jump seven years ago and has been hooked every since. She was part of the 60-strong Britchick team that made the British Women's Formation

35 Skydive record back in 2004. She's taken part in various big formations both in the UK and in the USA. Tina's great experience in large formation skydiving was one the reasons why she was selected for the latest record attempt. She talks enthusiastically about her hobby:

40 "After my first jump, I remember thinking: 'Wow, that was amazing! - Maybe I'll just do one more'. Five hundred and fifty jumps later and I still get a buzz after every single jump. It's just such an amazing feeling and takes me away from my day-to-day life. It's a great sense of achievement when a team of people have spent days practising on the ground, done a series of warm-up skydives in smaller groups and then we finally come together, in a matter of seconds, into a complicated formation. It gives you such a rush of adrenaline and it takes 100 per cent concentration and 100 per cent teamwork."

45 "My friends and family think I'm slightly mad to be throwing myself out of planes, but they are all very proud of me. My next challenge is to be involved in the next women's world record, which is planned for 2009".

[adapted from original in www.thisislocallondon.co.uk/indepth/features/]

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(680 palabras)

Answer the questions:

1. What was the main purpose of the jump?

- A. To raise money for the British Red Cross.
- B. To break the women's world record .
- C. To advertise the British Red Cross.
- D. To do something amazing.

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2. What do skydivers have to do in large formation skydiving?

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3. What does "to get a buzz" mean? (See the headline)

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4. What's the author's intention?

- A. To let the reader know about skydiving.
- B. To let the reader know about Tina Wiseman.
- C. To advertise the British Red Cross.
- D. To ask people to get involved in charity work.

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5. How did the women know they had broken the record?

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6. The text says Tina "has been hooked on sky - diving" ever since her first jump (Line 33). What does it mean?

- A. She's been enjoying sky-diving.
- B. She's been addicted to sky-diving.
- C. She's belonged to a sky-diving team.
- D. She's been teaching sky-diving.

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7. Complete the sentence:

Tina skydives because _____ and _____

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8. According to the text, what was the main purpose of the jump?

- A. To break the record.
- B. To do something amazing.
- C. To advertise the British Red Cross.
- D. To raise awareness and money for the British Red Cross.

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9. Write in a few lines your personal opinion about the content of this text. Ver redacción actividad y criterios de junio.

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10. What type of text is this?

- A. An article on Tina Wiseman.
- B. A news story.
- C. An opinion article.
- D. A report on British sky-diving.

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