

I. READING

Young novelist by Max Brady

Suzanne Todd has just won the Best New Writer prize for her first novel, *Roadrunner*. The idea for the book came from her own travels – four years ago she decided to give up her job in a bank to go round the world on her own for a year.

'I was tired of doing the same thing every day and wanted to find some excitement before it was too late', she says. 'I felt so frightened sitting on the plane that I was counting the weeks until I could come back! But I saw many wonderful things, and in India I met Richard, who is now my husband.' Back home, she started writing *Roadrunner*. This novel is about Tara Roberts, who decides to give up her job and travel round the world, and it sounds like an autobiography. 'Tara goes to the same places as me and feels the same about them, but I don't have her wild way of behaving or attract danger as she does,' Suzanne explains.

Suzanne's second novel, called *Sailing*, shows Tara in different amusing situations and, unusually for second novels, is just as entertaining as the first. This is even more extraordinary when you consider that since the birth of her son, Suzanne has had to fit in time for writing around looking after him. 'I have to be better organized now,' she says.

Roadrunner is going to be made into a film, a third and final novel about Tara is planned, and Suzanne is still only 29. How does she feel about her future? 'I just take things as they come,' she says with a smile.

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1. In this text, Max Brady is trying to

- ☐ A) advise young people how to become a successful writer.
- ☐ Б) explain what the writer had to do to win a prize.
- ☐ В) give some background information to the work of a writer.
- ☐ Г) review the first book written by a young novelist.

2. Suzanne travelled round the world because

- ☐ A) she was keen to look for adventure.
- ☐ Б) she was exhausted of doing the same thing all the time.
- ☐ В) she had arranged to meet her husband in India.
- ☐ Г) she wanted to cure her fear of flying.

3. Suzanne and the heroine of *Roadrunner*

- ☐ A) have similar characters.
- ☐ Б) both write books about their journeys.
- ☐ В) both lead dangerous lives.
- ☐ Г) have similar travel experiences.

4. Choose the true sentence.

- ☐ A) Max Brady is disappointed Suzanne spent less time on *Sailing*.
- ☐ Б) Max Brady is surprised Suzanne can repeat her success in writing *Sailing*.
- ☐ В) Max Brady is uninterested in reading more about the same person in *Sailing*.
- ☐ Г) Max Brady is pleased Suzanne included ideas about her child in *Sailing*.

5. Choose the true sentence.

- ☐ A) Suzanne Todd's first novel is going to be made into a film.
- ☐ Б) Suzanne Todd has gone from being a bank clerk to a prize-winning writer.
- ☐ В) *Sailing* describes Suzanne's trip around the world.
- ☐ Г) Suzanne Todd has already completed two novels.

II. COMMUNICATION

6. A: Could I borrow your moped, please?

B:

- ☐ A) Yes, please do.
- ☐ Б) No way! The last time you rode it you broke it.
- ☐ В) It doesn't matter. It usually happens to you.
- ☐ Г) Not right now. I have to pick my mum up from work.

7. A: Aren't you cold?

B:

- ☐ A) You should go to the doctor if you have a cold.
- ☐ Б) A little. Could you close the window, please?
- ☐ В) It's much colder than in the morning.
- ☐ Г) I am. I'll put on a sweater.

8. A:

B: Sorry, I have other plans.

- ☐ A) Why don't we have a barbecue in the park?
- ☐ Б) Let's have a barbecue in the park.
- ☐ В) How about having a barbecue in the park?
- ☐ Г) Do you fancy having a barbecue in the park?

9. A: Why are you crying, Mary?

B: I've failed my English test.

A:

- ☐ A) I'm afraid I don't.
- ☐ Б) Congratulations!
- ☐ В) Cheer up!
- ☐ Г) Don't worry! You'll pass next time.

10. A: My family are going to New Zealand on holiday.

B:

- ☐ A) Don't mention it!
- ☐ Б) You must be kidding!
- ☐ В) Really? I can't believe it!
- ☐ Г) The same to you!

11. A: I feel absolutely exhausted.

B:

- ☐ A) You should go on a city break soon.
- ☐ Б) I'm alright, really.
- ☐ В) How do you do?
- ☐ Г) Why don't you take a few days off?

III. VOCABULARY

12. Your shoes are Why don't you clean them?

- ☐ A) really filthy
- ☐ Б) extremely empty
- ☐ В) fairly tough
- ☐ Г) very dirty

13. The is a bird of prey.

- ☐ A) hawk
- ☐ Б) falcon
- ☐ В) eagle
- ☐ Г) sparrow

14. I was really (1) that the meeting was so (2)

- ☐ A) (1) surprised; (2) bored
- ☐ Б) (1) surprising; (2) boring
- ☐ В) (1) surprised; (2) boring
- ☐ Г) (1) surprising; (2) bored

15. Jack and Alice grew up in a family. Their father never lived with them.

- ☐ A) single parent
- ☐ Б) individual
- ☐ В) singular
- ☐ Г) single

16. The underground is usually during the rush hour. You can hardly ever find a seat.

- ☐ A) empty
- ☐ Б) full of people
- ☐ В) busy
- ☐ Г) crowded

17. Lizards and crocodiles are

- ☐ A) mammals.
- ☐ Б) reptiles.
- ☐ В) rodents.
- ☐ Г) amphibians.

18. I can play the very well. It's a brass musical instrument.

- ☐ A) trombone
- ☐ Б) guitar
- ☐ В) trumpet
- ☐ Г) clarinet

19. The Smurfs is Kate's favourite

- ☐ A) plot.
- ☐ Б) subtitle.
- ☐ В) animated film.
- ☐ Г) cartoon.

20. When you are in the UK, you can admire

- ☐ A) Hadrian's Wall.
- ☐ Б) Loch Lomond.
- ☐ В) the Potomac River.
- ☐ Г) Stonehenge.

IV. GRAMMAR

21. Sarah (1) TV all day yesterday but she (2) anything interesting.

- ☐ A) (1) watched; (2) haven't seen
- ☐ Б) (1) has been watching; (2) didn't see
- ☐ В) (1) was watching; (2) didn't see
- ☐ Г) (1) watched; (2) wasn't seeing

22. A: Do you think Peter will come to her party?

B: Who knows? He do.

- ☐ A) would
- ☐ Б) might
- ☐ В) must
- ☐ Г) may

23. Frank helped me my room.

- ☐ A) redecorate
- ☐ Б) to redecorating
- ☐ В) redecorating
- ☐ Г) to redecorate

24. If you finish doing your homework, tidy your room.

- ☐ A) you should
- ☐ Б) will
- ☐ В) you must
- ☐ Г) —

25. The girl you met at the disco is my cousin.

- ☐ A) that
- ☐ Б) —
- ☐ В) which
- ☐ Г) who

26. Lena (1) the flower bed for an hour but she (2) it yet.

- ☐ A) (1) is weeding; (2) hasn't finished
- ☐ Б) (1) has been weeding; (2) hasn't finished
- ☐ В) (1) is weeding; (2) didn't finish
- ☐ Г) (1) has been weeding; (2) didn't finish

27. Our mum bought apples at the green market last Friday.

- ☐ A) a lot of
- ☐ Б) a few
- ☐ В) some
- ☐ Г) lots of

28. Mike's room

- ☐ A) has already tidied.
- ☐ Б) was tidied at the weekend.
- ☐ В) has already been tidied.
- ☐ Г) tidied at the weekend.

29. We've got to eat for lunch. Let's order some Chinese takeaway.

- ☐ A) everything
- ☐ Б) something
- ☐ В) anything
- ☐ Г) nothing

30. Jeff was driving his motorbike very fast just to show

- ☐ A) off.
- ☐ Б) up.
- ☐ В) on.
- ☐ Г) out.