

### I. READING

#### All aboard!

The Trans-Siberian Railway is a network of railways and has the longest continuous railway line in the world. It is 10,000 km long and covers one third of the globe.

By the end of the 19th century, it was clear that Russia needed a transport route from the west, where Moscow is, to the eastern area of Russia known as Siberia. It was Alexander III, the Russian Tsar, who decided to build a railway line. Work began in 1891 and after Alexander's death, his son, Nicholas II, took over.

Today the line is the most important transport link within the country. It is used by Russians but also by foreign tourists. There are a number of routes to choose from. The most popular route is the Trans-Siberian Line which runs from the capital, Moscow, to Vladivostok, a seaport on the Pacific Ocean. The second route is the Trans-Manchurian Line which runs from Moscow to Beijing, the capital of China. The third route, the Trans-Mongolian, goes from Moscow to Beijing through Mongolia. And the fourth route, known as the Baikal Amur Mainline, runs further to the north and reaches the Pacific.

Travellers usually travel from west to east. However, it is possible to go in the opposite direction. It takes about a week to complete the Trans-Siberian journey. There are many stops along the way, which last from a few minutes to half an hour. Travellers can arrange to stay in many of the Russian cities and towns along the way. One of the most interesting sights is Lake Baikal - the deepest and oldest freshwater lake on Earth.

Some Trans-Siberian trains are actually hotels on wheels. For those who have money to spend, there's the Trans-Siberian Express with its luxurious, air-conditioned, first-class sleeping cars, a restaurant car which serves three meals a day and a shower car with towels and bath robes. In each sleeping car, there are two attendants who serve tea and coffee free of charge throughout the journey and make the beds.

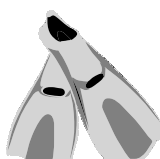

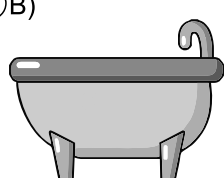
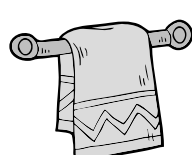
One of the most enjoyable things about this journey is simply sitting back and watching the scenery. However, most travellers also find that getting to know people from around the world makes this journey an unforgettable experience.

(H. Q. Mitchell 'Full Blast' MM Publications)

#### 1. .... ends in Beijing.

- ☒ A) The Trans-Manchurian Line  
☐ B) The Baikal Amur Mainline  
☒ C) The Trans-Mongolian  
☐ D) The Trans-Siberian Line

#### 2. Tourists are supplied with ..... in a shower car.

- ☐ A)  ☒ B)   
☐ C)  ☒ D) 

#### 3. Lake Baikal is the ..... lake in the world.

- ☐ A) saltiest ☐ B) largest  
☒ C) deepest ☒ D) oldest

#### 4. People who set off from Moscow can reach ..... on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

- ☒ A) the Pacific coast  
☒ B) the capital city of China  
☒ C) Mongolia  
☐ D) the Black Sea

#### 5. Attendants on the Trans-Siberian Express

- ☐ A) look after passengers' pets.  
☒ B) serve passengers tea.  
☒ C) make the beds.  
☐ D) sell passengers hot coffee.

#### 6. Choose the true sentences.

- ☐ A) The Russian Tsar, Nicolas II, decided to build the Trans-Siberian Railway.  
☒ B) The Trans-Siberian Line ends in Vladivostok on the Pacific Ocean.  
☐ C) Only foreign tourists travel on the Trans-Siberian Railway.  
☒ D) Passengers love watching the scenery.

### II. COMMUNICATION

#### 7. A: .....

B: No, thanks. I can manage.

- ☒ A) Do you need some help?  
☒ B) Could I help you with that?  
☒ C) Shall I carry that bag for you?  
☐ D) Would you like a sandwich?

#### 8. A: What are you up to?

B: .....

- ☐ A) It doesn't matter.  
☒ B) Nothing much.  
☐ C) I do the ironing.  
☒ D) I'm going fishing with Steve.

#### 9. A: I have lost my new tablet.

B: .....

- ☒ A) What a shame!  
☐ B) I'd prefer to have a new one.  
☒ C) I'm so sorry to hear that.  
☒ D) What a pity!

10. A: Do you fancy riding a bike after lunch?

B: .....

- ☐ A) I'll come round.  
☒ Б) Sounds great!  
☒ В) I'm afraid I can't make it.  
☒ Г) Sure, why not?

11. A: I don't have enough money to buy a new iphone. What should I do?

B: .....

- ☒ А) Why don't you ask your grandparents for money?  
☒ Б) You should apply for a part-time job.  
☐ В) I'm not in the mood to ask you.  
☒ Г) I'd borrow some money if I were you.

12. You can see this notice

**FASTEN  
YOUR SEATBELTS**

- ☐ А) in a zoo. ☒ Б) on a plane.  
☒ В) in a car. ☐ Г) in a library.

### III. VOCABULARY

13. Samantha has got fair hair and very pale

- ☐ А) blood. ☒ Б) cheeks.  
☒ В) complexion. ☒ Г) skin.

14. Children should learn to ..... between what is good and what is bad.

- ☐ А) solve ☐ Б) fall out  
☒ В) distinguish ☐ Г) differ

15. We must ..... the problem before we make a decision.

- ☒ А) talk over ☐ Б) apologise  
☐ В) speak ☒ Г) discuss

16. Paul is a ..... boy. He never boasts about himself.

- ☒ А) modest ☐ Б) mean  
☐ В) stubborn ☐ Г) selfish

17. A marathon runner has to run for just over ..... to finish the race.

- ☐ А) 800 metres ☒ Б) 42 kilometres  
☐ В) 80 kilometres ☐ Г) 40 miles

18. My little brother must be ..... computer games. He plays all day.

- ☐ А) harmful to ☒ Б) keen on  
☒ В) fond of ☒ Г) addicted to

19. Finally, our team ..... to beat the opponents but it was a difficult match.

- ☒ А) managed ☐ Б) succeeded  
☒ В) was able ☐ Г) could

20. The House of ..... is the part of the British Parliament.

- ☐ А) Senate ☒ Б) Lords  
☒ В) Commons ☐ Г) Congress

### IV. GRAMMAR

21. Come on, let's go. .... in this boutique is so expensive.

- ☐ А) Nothing ☐ Б) Something  
☐ В) Anything ☒ Г) Everything

22. I'm so happy that my parents have bought ..... beautiful furniture to my bedroom.

- ☐ А) so a ☐ Б) such a  
☒ В) such ☐ Г) so

23. We are looking forward ..... on a school trip to London next month.

- ☐ А) going ☒ Б) to going  
☐ В) to go ☐ Г) go

24. If it (1) ..... warmer this afternoon, we (2) ..... a picnic in the garden.

- ☒ А) (1) was; (2) would have  
☒ Б) (1) were; (2) might have  
☒ В) (1) was; (2) could have  
☒ Г) (1) were; (2) would have

25. Tom hardly ever plays football,

- ☒ А) does he? ☐ Б) doesn't he?  
☐ В) isn't he? ☐ Г) is he?

26. Max didn't arrive at the airport on time because he ..... his train.

- ☐ А) has missed ☐ Б) was missing  
☒ В) had missed ☐ Г) would miss

27. It was the most stupid thing ..... I have ever done.

- ☒ А) — ☒ Б) which  
☐ В) who ☒ Г) that

28. Mr Drake arrived ..... New York after eight-hour flight.

- ☐ А) for ☒ Б) in ☐ В) to ☐ Г) at

29. This book ..... next month.

- ☐ А) will publish  
☒ Б) is going to be published  
☒ В) will be published  
☒ Г) can't be published

30. Lots of girls are afraid ..... mice.

- ☐ А) from ☐ Б) about  
☒ В) of ☐ Г) with