

I. READING

Scottish cyclist Mark Beaumont, who was born in 1983, showed a talent for sports at an early age. He completed his first long-distance bike ride at the age of twelve when he rode from John O'Groats at the top of Scotland, all the way down to Land's End in the south of England. Then, on 15 February 2008, Mark raised £18,000 for charity, and entered the *Guinness World Records* book, when he became the fastest person to cycle around the world. He completed his trip in 195 days and 6 hours, beating the record of 276 days, which had previously been set by another British man, Steven Strange.

Mark's trip began and ended in Paris and took him through twenty countries across Europe, the Middle East, India, Asia, Australia and North America. The speed of his journey was amazing. It took him only four hours to cross Holland and just three hours to cross Germany. He cycled across four American States in two days.

But Mark's trip included some unexpected problems. As well as his bike, Mark carried 80 kilograms of equipment that included a tent, tools and cameras. He had his wallet and camera stolen when he was staying in a motel in the USA. He came down with food poisoning in Lahore and was knocked off his bike in Louisiana by a motorist. He even had to change routes when he was crossing into Malaysia to escape the violence that was taking place in southern Thailand.

One of Mark's other problems was food. He had to eat around 6,000 calories a day in order to keep up his energy levels, which was often difficult to do. It meant that even though he is a vegetarian, he was forced to sometimes eat meat. In the Australian outback, where there are few shops, he often didn't have enough proper food, so he had to eat chocolate bars and tins of baked beans instead. In both Australia and the USA, he couldn't avoid junk food – not an ideal diet for a long-distance cyclist!

When Mark left Paris on 5 August 2007 to start his journey, only a small crowd was there to see him off. However, Mark kept a blog while he was travelling, so that people could follow his journey. More and more people followed his blog, with the result that on his return, thousands of people, hundreds of media representatives, and even the British Ambassador to France, gathered to welcome him back.

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1. Mark Beaumont spent in the countries he visited.

- ☐ A) from three to four hours ☐ B) half a day
☒ B) different amounts of time ☐ Г) a few days

2. Mark didn't manage to avoid

- ☒ A) an accident. ☒ Б) illness.
☐ B) war. ☒ Г) crime.

3. Eating was problematic because

- ☐ A) Mark couldn't carry any tins.
☒ Б) Mark couldn't always get enough calories.
☒ B) Mark had to eat some junk food.
☐ Г) Mark refused to eat meat.

4. There were so many people at the finishing line because they

- ☐ A) were there to see the British Ambassador.
☐ Б) were there to meet a famous writer.
☐ B) were taking part in another race.
☒ Г) had read about Mark online.

5. What does the writer say about Mark's round-the-world trip?

- ☒ A) His trip broke the world record.
☐ Б) He beat the world record by 195 days.
☐ B) He had never done a long-distance ride before.
☒ Г) He travelled amazingly fast.

6. Choose the true sentences.

- ☒ A) Mark wanted people to know about his trip.
☐ Б) Mark began his trip around the world in the UK.
☒ B) Mark is in the *Guinness World Records* book.
☒ Г) Finding suitable food was not always easy.

7. What should be the title for the article?

- ☐ A) How not to travel around the world.
☒ Б) The fastest man on earth.
☐ B) A European cycling adventure.
☐ Г) Cycling challenges and disasters.

II. COMMUNICATION

8. A: We had a great time at the weekend!

B:

- ☐ A) So had we. ☒ Б) So did we.
☒ B) We didn't. ☐ Г) Neither we had.

9. A: When will the film come out?

B:

- ☐ A) I'm confident it will.
☐ Б) The cast is excellent.
☒ B) It's already on at the cinema.
☒ Г) It's likely to come out next month.

10. A: Why did you smash the window, Ben?

B:

- ☒ A) I'm so sorry. I wish I hadn't smashed it.
☐ Б) If only I had done it.
☒ B) I had nothing to do with it.
☒ Г) I didn't mean to do it.

11. A: I've lost my new smartphone.
B: I know you loved it.

- ☒ A) What a pity!
☒ Б) What a shame!
☐ B) I think you had the wrong number.
☒ Г) I'm sorry to hear that.

III. VOCABULARY

12. My elder brother smoking two months ago.

- ☐ A) prevented ☒ Б) quit
☒ B) stopped ☒ Г) gave up

13. deliberately sets fire to a building.

- ☐ A) A fireplace
☒ Б) An arsonist
☐ B) A mugger
☐ Г) An innocent forger

14. A can be a strong destructive wind.

- ☒ A) tornado ☒ Б) hurricane
☒ B) typhoon ☒ Г) cyclone

15. Be careful not to a virus on your computer when you're downloading files from the Internet.

- ☐ A) pollute ☐ Б) contaminate
☐ B) dirty ☒ Г) get

16. All the scouts wanted to have a rest after this hike.

- ☒ A) exhausting ☒ Б) tiring
☐ B) poisonous ☐ Г) exhaustive

17. Mike's grandfather has suffered from depression since he work.

- ☐ A) abandoned of ☒ Б) retired from
☒ B) was fired from ☒ Г) was out of

18. Finally, our team to beat the opponents but it was a hard game.

- ☒ A) was able ☐ Б) complained
☐ B) succeeded ☒ Г) managed

19. When you go, you go with a group of people and speed along on a fast-flowing river.

- ☐ A) parachuting
☐ Б) skydiving
☒ B) white-water rafting
☐ Г) paragliding

20. My sister is She's very friendly and enjoys being with other people.

- ☐ A) stubborn ☒ Б) sociable
☐ B) jealous ☒ Г) gregarious

IV. GRAMMAR

21. Mrs Batson English at our school for ages. She's going to get retired next year.

- ☐ A) taught
☒ Б) has taught
☐ B) is teaching
☒ Г) has been teaching

22. By the time Tim woke up, his sister breakfast.

- ☐ A) used to make ☐ Б) has made
☒ B) had made ☐ Г) made

23. Amanda helped me my chemistry homework yesterday evening.

- ☒ A) to do ☐ Б) doing
☐ B) being done ☒ Г) do

24. I wish I more careful when I did my homework.

- ☐ A) was ☐ Б) were
☒ B) had been ☐ Г) would be

25. Last night Sam was exhausted because he chemistry for six hours.

- ☐ A) was studying
☒ Б) had been studying
☐ B) used to study
☐ Г) has been studying

26. 'Have you remembered to post my letter?' Bert asked me.

Bert asked me to post his letter.

- ☒ A) if I had remembered
☐ Б) whether I have remembered
☒ B) whether I'd remembered
☐ Г) if have I remembered

27. While I was in Warsaw, I Polish very quickly.

- ☐ A) took up ☒ Б) picked up
☒ B) learned ☒ Г) learnt

28. How often do you think the future?

- ☐ A) for ☒ Б) of
☒ B) about ☐ Г) on

29. A: I didn't understand a word she said.
B:

- ☒ A) Neither did I.
☐ Б) Nor didn't I.
☒ B) Nor did I.
☐ Г) Neither didn't I.

30. I had more free time. I'm totally busy.

- ☐ A) I'd better ☐ Б) I'd rather
☒ B) I wish ☒ Г) If only