

## **Question 1: What classes would Alice like to take?**

**Mother:** Alice, can you turn down the music, please? Thanks.  
I was thinking. Maybe there's something new you'd like to study after school. You like music. What about piano classes?

**Alice:** No Mum, that would be boring. Actually, I was thinking about the guitar or drums. Something cool and loud.

**Mother:** I see. Are you sure you wouldn't prefer something more peaceful? The piano can be so lovely when played well.

**Alice:** But I want to play in a band and my new boyfriend Karl, who plays the drums, is looking for a guitar player. It could be me! And I won't even need to buy a new guitar, as we have quite a good one at home. So I think I'll do that. And we can practise in the garage.

**Mother:** OK, but make sure that Karl doesn't bang his drums too much.

**Alice:** Don't worry! You can wear earplugs during our jam sessions!

**Question 2: Which service is not available at this shop?**

**Man:** Hi. Can I help you?

**Woman:** Yes. I have a broken computer and I need to use the internet to send urgent emails.

**Man:** No problem. Our high-speed internet is free; you can use the computer over there.

**Woman:** Oh, and I also need to download and print a file.

**Man:** Well, it used to be possible but not any longer. People were printing whole books here... But our main business is repairing computers and cell phones, so bring us your computer and we can repair it. We are quick.

**Woman:** Great! I'll bring it tomorrow. And then I'll be able to print everything at home again.

**Man:** Wonderful! So for now, have a seat and check your email, and then we will see you in the morning with your computer.

**Woman:** That's great. Thanks!

### **Question 3: How does Tom think the mouse got in?**

**Sally:** Look! A mouse. It just ran behind the dustbin.

**Tom:** A mouse! Help!

**Sally:** Oh, Tom. Get off the table and help me catch it.

**Tom:** No way! And how did the stupid mouse get in?

**Sally:** Maybe in the empty boxes I brought home to put the old books in. Go and get the cat, she can catch it!

**Tom:** The cat? She probably brought the mouse in!

**Sally:** And let it live? Hardly...

**Tom:** Yes: kept the mouse alive to play with it.

**Sally:** If you think so... Well, I'm going to bed.

**Tom:** Nooooo! Don't leave me alone with the terrible creature! Mum asked me to take out the rubbish and now I can't go near the dustbin. Help!

**Sally:** I'm sure you can handle it. Good night!

**Tom:** Somebody help me...

## **Question 4: What will the weather be like in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday?**

And now, let's take a look at the weather forecast for some of the biggest cities around the world. London, you're in for a typical weekend, with rain and cloudy skies from Friday until Sunday, and temperatures of around ten degrees, dropping to a chilly five degrees on Sunday. Let's hop on down to Brazil; on Friday it will reach 28 degrees in Rio de Janeiro with sunny intervals; Saturday will bring 29 degrees and strong sunshine, but on Sunday expect rain and lower temperatures, down to 19 degrees. To Tokyo now, where temperatures will stay around 20 degrees all weekend, with partly cloudy skies on Friday and Saturday, and sun on Sunday. And now to New York...

Scotland is a land that is rich in history. Back in 2000 BC, Scotland was inhabited by Neolithic people who were known for building large stone monuments, some of which still exist today, such as the Ring of Brogar – that's B-R-O-G-A-R – in Orkney.

As of 50 AD, Scotland was known to the Romans as 'Caledonia' and was inhabited by numerous fierce tribes whose origin and language are unknown. The tribes were so brutal that even the Romans could not conquer them. So the Roman

emperor Hadrian built a huge wall, 73 miles long, which stretched from west to east right across the island of Great Britain in order to keep the tribes out of England. Parts of Hadrian's Wall can still be seen along the Scottish border today.

One of the more famous periods of Scottish history was around the time when Princess Margaret died in 1290, and the bloodline to the Scottish throne ended. King Edward of England decided that he would try to take the Scottish throne. The Scottish people began to rebel, led by a national hero called William Wallace. Greatly outnumbered, he and his men still managed to defeat Edward and his army at the Battle of Stirling Bridge. But Edward returned a year later and not only defeated Wallace and his men, but managed to capture Wallace himself, and had him executed. The Scottish revolt against the English carried on, however, led by Robert the Bruce. They defeated the English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314, and Scotland was ruled by the House of Stuart for the next three centuries.

In 1707 the Acts of Union were passed, joining Scotland and England together to form the United Kingdom, and transferring all powers to London. In 1999 Scotland gained a new Scottish parliament to govern over its domestic affairs. However, the parliament in London still has control over major issues such as taxes, defence and international relations. This may be set to change on September 18, 2014, when Scottish residents will vote to decide on whether Scotland should become an independent country.

### **EXAM TIME**

**Part One:** 1B, 2B, 3C, 4A

**Part Three:** 5 Brogar, 6 73 miles,  
7 1290, 8 national hero, 9 executed,  
10 next three centuries, 11 taxes