



**GCSE**

4171/01

**ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
FOUNDATION TIER  
UNIT 1 (READING)**

A.M. THURSDAY, 10 January 2013

1 hour

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Resource Material.

An 8 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark available for this unit is 40.

The number of marks in brackets will give you an indication of the time you should spend on each question or part-question.

Answer **all** of the following questions.

The **separate Resource Material** is a newspaper article: 'Cabin boy conqueror of the world'.

The passage on the opposite page is from an internet website: '16 year old girl is youngest person to ski to the South Pole'.

**Look at the newspaper article in the separate Resource Material, 'Cabin boy conqueror of the world'.**

1. (a) What distance will Mike Perham have covered by the end of his voyage? [1]
- (b) Where did Mike Perham's voyage begin? Where will it end? [2]
- (c) What damage did the yacht suffer during its voyage? [4]
- (d) How did Mike Perham keep in touch with people during his voyage? [2]
- (e) How long did the storms last in the Southern Ocean? [1]

2. How does the writer try to show that Mike Perham's voyage was really tough?

You should write about:

- what the writer tells us about the voyage;
- the words and phrases used by the writer. [10]

**Now look at the report from an internet website, '16 year old girl is youngest person to ski to the South Pole'.**

3. What did Amelia Hempleman-Adams think and feel about skiing to the South Pole after she had completed her journey? [10]

**To answer the next question you will need to refer to both texts.**

4. What do these two texts say about:
  - (a) what the two teenagers said they were most looking forward to when they arrived home; [2]
  - (b) what the two teenagers said were the greatest challenges on their journeys; [4]
  - (c) what other people admired about the teenagers. [4]

**You must make it clear which teenager you are referring to in each part of this question.**

## 16 year old girl is youngest person to ski to the South Pole

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Amelia Hempleman-Adams has become the youngest person to ski to the South Pole at the age of sixteen.

On Friday December 9th Amelia reached the South Pole with her father, the adventurer David Hempleman-Adams, after skiing 97 miles and spending 17 nights on the ice. On the final day they skied 14 miles and afterwards Amelia said she felt “elated and tired” on reaching the South Pole.

She went on, “The biggest challenges were the freezing cold and eating only dried food for a fortnight. The best bit has been experiencing what Dad does on expeditions. It’s the first time I’ve been on a trek with him and now I know what it’s like. The trip brought me closer to Dad, but I also had to put up with his snoring which was terrible. Putting up with that also became one of the biggest challenges of the whole expedition.”

She added, “Would I do it again? I’m not sure. I’ll have to think about that after a few nights’ sleep! At times it’s been really hard: I’ve got aching shoulders, and my back’s been sore from pulling my sledge, I’ve got blisters on my feet from the boots and I’ve got a cold burn on my nose from my sunglasses. Apart from that it’s been really good.”

She said the most extraordinary part of the trip had been the sense of isolation in the Antarctic landscape. “You can’t imagine being in such a lonely place until you’re actually there. It’s just you and the team. I’ve never been anywhere like that before. At one point we had a whiteout, and that was quite scary. You can’t see anything; you just have to put your head down and follow the sledge in front of you.”

Amelia admitted she didn’t do any homework on the expedition despite her original good intentions. “I brought a lot of homework with me but Dad took most of the books out of my sledge to keep the weight down. I think I’ll have to catch up on homework over the Christmas holidays!”

“I’ve really missed my friends while I’ve been away and want to thank them for all their messages of support. I’m most looking forward to a comfy bed, a shower and some chocolate brownies.”

Friends and relatives who posted comments on Amelia’s expedition website paid tribute to her positive attitude which, they said, would be an inspiration to others.

In 1996 her father, David, was the first Briton to reach the South Pole solo and unsupported. He said, “Amelia has done amazingly well. I’m very proud of her. She showed real determination and I have to say I found it quite hard to keep up with her. She was tough and she pulled her sledge the whole way. It was a special experience to share those 97 miles with her.”



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This morning the teenager will be about 300 miles off Britain's Atlantic coast as he races towards the finishing line near Ushant in France.

Speaking via satellite phone from his yacht, as it was buffeted by 45mph winds, Perham said, "I'm beginning to realise what I've done and I'm feeling very proud of myself and the people who have helped me make this happen. I'm very much looking forward to being back. I'm really looking forward to being in my own room and having a fridge in the house and little luxuries like home cooking."

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His father, Peter, said, "He's done incredibly well. He has shown that with determination and bravery, you can succeed even in the most difficult circumstances."

Perham said the worst moment of his voyage and one of his biggest challenges came late one night as he confronted 50ft waves and his boat nearly capsized in the Southern Ocean while he was heading towards Tasmania. One of the waves caught the boat with tremendous force and damaged the rudder.

Wedged behind a chart table inside his cabin, the teenager was flung upside down and was forced to brace himself against the ceiling as the yacht spun more than 90 degrees on its side at the crest of a wave. "It went berserk," said Perham. "I felt absolutely tiny out there at that moment and I wondered what on earth I was doing there. But then you get through it and you're on a high and you carry on."

The near capsizing disabled the electricity systems on board, but Perham escaped any serious problems and was able to cope until the worst of the storms passed 24 hours later.

Another big challenge came as he was travelling in the South Atlantic, where there were huge seas and monstrous storms which damaged the yacht's mast. "That was really tough," he said. "There's nothing there to stop the wind. It's just whirling round and round from Antarctica. One really powerful gust ripped one of the sails."

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