

TEST 4

SECTION 1

ROB: Good morning. Stretton Festival box office. How can I help you?

MELANIE: Oh, hello. My family and I are on holiday in the area, and we've seen some posters about the festival this week. Could you tell me about some of the events, please?

ROB: Of course.

MELANIE: First of all, are there still tickets available for the jazz band on Saturday?

ROB: There are, but only **£15**. The £12 seats have all been sold.

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MELANIE: OK. And the venue is the school, isn't it?

ROB: **Yes. that's right, the secondary school.** Make sure you don't go **Q1** to the primary school by mistake! And there's an additional performer who isn't mentioned on the posters - Carolyn Hart is going to play with the band.

MELANIE: Oh, I think I've heard her on the radio. Doesn't she play the oboe, or flute or something?

ROB: **Yes. the flute.** She usually plays with symphony orchestras, and **Q2** apparently this is her first time with a jazz band.

MELANIE: Well, I'd certainly like to hear her. Then the next thing I want to ask about is the duck races - I saw a poster beside a river. What are they, exactly?

ROB: Well, you buy a yellow plastic duck - or as many as you like - they're a pound each. And you write your name on each one. There'll be several races, depending on the number of ducks taking part. And John Stevens, a champion swimmer who lives locally is going to start the races. **All the ducks will be launched Q3 into the river at the back of the cinema**, then they'll float along the river for 500 metres, as far as the railway bridge.

MELANIE: And are there any prizes?

ROB: **Yes, the first duck in each race to arrive at the finishing line Q4 wins its owner free tickets for the concert on the last night of the festival.**

MELANIE: You said you can buy a duck? I'm sure my children will both want one.

ROB: **They're on sale at a stall in the market.** You can't miss it - it's **Q5** got an enormous sign showing a couple of ducks.

MELANIE: OK. I'll go there this afternoon. I remember walking past there yesterday. Now could you tell me something about the flower show, please?

ROB: **Well, admission is free, and the show is being held in Q6 Bythwaite Hall.**

MELANIE: Sorry, how do you spell that?

ROB: B-Y-T-H-W-A-I-T-E. Bythwaite.

MELANIE: Is it easy to find? I'm not very familiar with the town yet.

ROB: Oh, you won't have any problem. It's right in the centre of Stretton. It's the only old building in the town, so it's easy to recognise.

MELANIE: I know it. I presume it's open all day.

ROB: Yes, but if you'd like to see the prizes being awarded for the best flowers, you'll need to be there at 5 o'clock. **The prizes are being given by a famous actor, Kevin Shapless.** He lives nearby and gets involved in a lot of community events. **Q7**

MELANIE: Gosh, I've seen him on TV. I'll definitely go to the prize-giving.

ROB: Right.

MELANIE: I've seen a list of plays that are being performed this week, and I'd like to know which are suitable for my children, and which ones my husband and I might go to.

ROB: How old are your children?

MELANIE: Five and seven. **What about 'The Mystery of Muldoon'?**

ROB: **That's aimed at five to ten-year-olds.** **Q8**

MELANIE: So if I take my children, I can expect them to enjoy it more than I do?

ROB: I think so. **If you'd like something for yourself and your husband, and leave your children with a babysitter, you might like to see 'Fire and Flood'** - it's about events that really happened in Stretton two hundred years ago, and children might find it rather frightening. **Q9**

MELANIE: Oh, thanks for the warning. **And finally, what about 'Silly Sailor'?**

ROB: That's a comedy. **and it's for young and old.** In fact, it won an award in the Stretton Drama Festival a couple of months ago. **Q10**

MELANIE: OK. Well, goodbye, and thanks for all the information. I'm looking forward to the festival!

ROB: Goodbye.