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Reading Level 2

Assessment Paper
Guide time: 1 hour

You must have:
A pen – black or blue ink

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Sample – ASENGR/L2/SAM (1)

Instructions

- Do not open this paper until you are told to do so
- Answer all questions in the spaces provided
- You may not use a dictionary**

Guidance

- There are three tasks to be answered.
- If you have used additional sheets, make sure your name is written on each sheet and that they are included with your work

1 Skim read the following three passages. For each one:

- a suggest where you might find the passage.
- b give TWO organisational features that tell you what it is.

Text A

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UKRAINE V ENGLAND: ROY HODGSON DEFENDS TEAM'S PERFORMANCE

 Reported by Mike Lei Chief football writer
10 September 2013 Last updated at 23:24

Manager Roy Hodgson was happy with England's result and performance as they took a big step towards next summer's World Cup. The team drew 0-0 with Ukraine in Kiev.

Hodgson's side stay top of Group H. They will go to the finals in Brazil if they win their final two matches against Montenegro and Poland.

After a game low on quality, and played in front of 70,000 fans, the England boss said: "Before the game, the feeling among a lot of people was that a draw would be a good result."

He added: "I'm surprised to hear that what I thought was a good performance and result, might be being seen as an underwhelming performance."

[comments](#)

a _____

b _____

i _____

ii _____

Text B

- a suggest where you might find the passage.**
- b give TWO organisational features that tell you what it is.**

LAYTON PARK VISITOR PARKING



In order to reduce the impact of traffic on the park and ensure parking space is available for visitors, these parking rules now apply:

- Parking on the Main Car Park remains free but will be restricted to 3 hours maximum with no return within 3 hours, 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday
This also includes the overflow parking area when this is open.
- Parking on the Hall Car Park is restricted to disabled badge holders and permit holders only, Monday - Sunday, 9am - 5pm*.
- Parking in any area of the park other than the two car parks is not allowed at any time.

If you do not comply, you will receive a fixed penalty notice. For the safety & enjoyment of park visitors, all car parks and drives in the park have a 10mph speed limit at all times.

a _____

b _____

i _____

ii _____

Text C

- a suggest where you might find the passage.
- b give TWO organisational features that tell you what it is.

Autumn Glory in the English Lakes



3-day Coach Holidays Departing October 2014 – October 2015 From £149.95

From the busy streets of Chester to the beauty of the Lakes, there really is something for everyone on this weekend break.

Day One

Leaving the local area in the early morning we'll travel through the picturesque towns and rolling hills of the Peak District, to our hotel. En route, we'll take in some of the most beautiful and unspoilt sights of the Peak District.

Day Two

Prepare yourself for the breath-taking autumn beauty of the Lake District. This landscape of fine mountain scenery, crystal clear lakes and lush valleys is as varied and beautiful as any in the world. We start our tour on the famous Lakeside Railway. Then it's all aboard the Windermere Steamer for a breath-taking cruise up the largest and most beautiful of the Lakes to captivating Bowness.

Day Three

After breakfast we'll head home via the city of Chester. Walk the City Walls, visit the magnificent cathedral, explore the famous Rows, or relax in a tea shop and watch the world go by.

We'll leave Chester in the early afternoon, arriving home by mid to late evening.



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ii _____

Task number	AC	Tick if achieved
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1b	2.3	

2 Read these two newspaper articles and then answer the questions which follow.

Text A

GOVERNMENT REMOVES BAN ON FRACKING

The government has announced that it will remove the ban on hydraulic fracturing across the UK. Fracking, as it is known, is a controversial technique for recovering gas and oil from shale rock. In fracking, a mixture of water, sand and chemicals is pumped into a well under high pressure. This creates tiny explosions to crack the hard shale rocks to release the gas inside.

The decision to go ahead will send shock waves across Blackpool and the coast. Fracking is banned in France, and on hold in large parts of Europe. A recent EU report warned that fracking poses high risks of water contamination and air pollution. There have been cases of both in the United States.

Fracking also uses huge volumes of water - around four million gallons for each well. This could have a big impact on precious supplies. Blackpool already has water supply problems and was in drought earlier this year. Traffic jams and pollution from oil tankers, drilling trucks and vast lorries carrying waste water will also increase. 'Flaring', the wasteful burning off of gas, is also a threat to the region.

The local economy could also be hit. Experience from the US and Australia shows key sectors such as farming and tourism have suffered and that local house prices could fall. Also, the jobs benefits are frequently over-stated.

Jamie Gregory of Residents Against Fracking (RAF) said, "If this goes ahead, it will entirely alter the character of the area - it will be unrecognisable. We will carry on with our protests in Blackpool."

Text B

THE NEW GOLD RUSH THAT PROVES THE ANTI-FRACKING FANATICS HAVE GOT IT ALL WRONG

- **Parts of North Dakota were struggling a decade ago**
- **Now parts of the area are thriving because of fracking for oil**

As he takes me on a tour of his buzzing little town of Wigford, Mayor Brent Sanford points out the acres of development that have already happened — the giant store, the smart restaurant, the school building and hundreds of new houses. And he tells me what's still to come — a smart new leisure centre, a brand new hospital, public housing, a day-care centre and even an 18-hole golf course. There's a new bank, which is vital, as so many local businesses are thriving and so many more want to move in.

North Dakotans are a conservative bunch; they enjoy solitude, wide-open spaces and a simple way of life. But they are sure of one thing. Wigford and the rest of western North Dakota is the land that was saved by fracking. Only ten years ago, this region was struggling — its farming industry was finished, and businesses refused to move to somewhere so remote and empty. Young people moved away to find jobs and only the elderly remained.

Now there are 8,000 wells here, producing more than 820,000 barrels of oil a day, but it's forecasted to increase to as many as 50,000 wells. Thousands of men (and a few women) have poured into the region, drawn by unemployment below one per cent and talk of £65,000 jobs for school-leavers with no experience.

It tells a completely different story to the one told by those protesting about fracking in Blackpool. These fanatics just keep repeating their anti-fracking views.

What about the environmental concerns? North Dakota reports no methane in the drinking water, no earthquakes and no air pollution. The one blot on the landscape is what's known as 'flaring', the wasteful burning off of natural gas that comes up with the oil.

Whether Britain has the will and the political vision to create a fracking boom even half as lucrative remains to be seen. But with every new well that's sunk in North Dakota, the arguments for doing so grow ever stronger.

Abridged from: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2414529/The-new-gold-rush-proves-anti-fracking-fanatics-got-wrong.html#ixzz2ebQjv1z9>

a What is the main subject behind both of these reports?

b Which text gives the most positive view of fracking?

c Give **ONE** fact that is in:

Both texts _____

Text A only _____

Text B only _____

d What is Reporter B's view of anti-fracking protesters in the UK?

e What do the two reporters have to say about the economic impact of fracking:

Reporter A _____

Reporter B _____

f Do you think the writer of Text A comes across as an anti-fracking fanatic? Give a reason for your answer.

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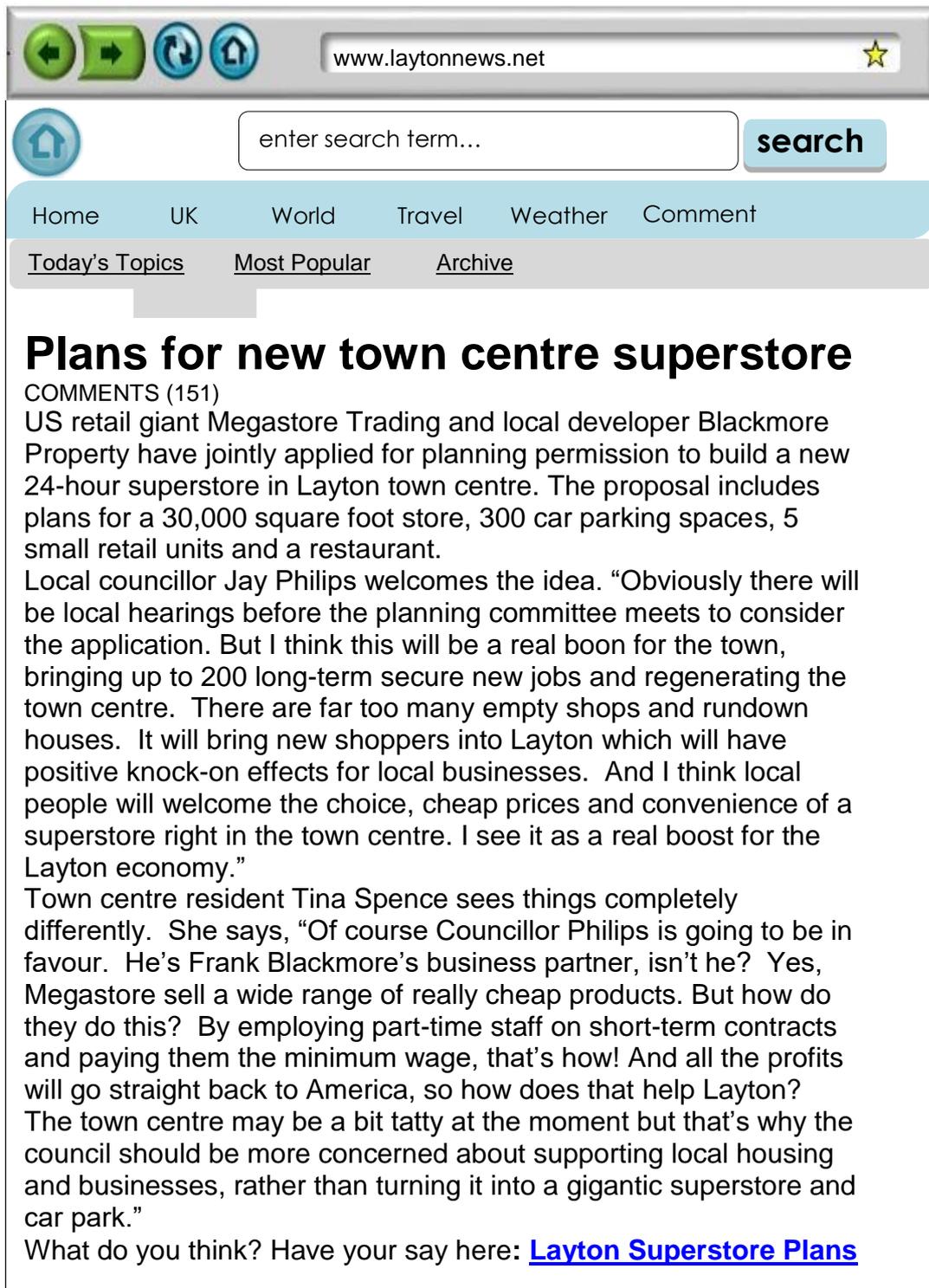
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2e	3.2	
2f	2.2	

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR NEXT QUESTION

SAMPLE

Text C

Read the following article and answer the questions which follow.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'www.laytonnews.net'. Below the address bar is a search bar with the placeholder text 'enter search term...' and a 'search' button. The navigation menu includes links for 'Home', 'UK', 'World', 'Travel', 'Weather', and 'Comment'. Below the navigation menu are links for 'Today's Topics', 'Most Popular', and 'Archive'. The main content area features a large heading 'Plans for new town centre superstore' followed by 'COMMENTS (151)'. The article text discusses the proposal for a new 24-hour superstore in Layton town centre, mentioning local councillor Jay Philips and town centre resident Tina Spence.

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Plans for new town centre superstore

COMMENTS (151)

US retail giant Megastore Trading and local developer Blackmore Property have jointly applied for planning permission to build a new 24-hour superstore in Layton town centre. The proposal includes plans for a 30,000 square foot store, 300 car parking spaces, 5 small retail units and a restaurant.

Local councillor Jay Philips welcomes the idea. "Obviously there will be local hearings before the planning committee meets to consider the application. But I think this will be a real boon for the town, bringing up to 200 long-term secure new jobs and regenerating the town centre. There are far too many empty shops and rundown houses. It will bring new shoppers into Layton which will have positive knock-on effects for local businesses. And I think local people will welcome the choice, cheap prices and convenience of a superstore right in the town centre. I see it as a real boost for the Layton economy."

Town centre resident Tina Spence sees things completely differently. She says, "Of course Councillor Philips is going to be in favour. He's Frank Blackmore's business partner, isn't he? Yes, Megastore sell a wide range of really cheap products. But how do they do this? By employing part-time staff on short-term contracts and paying them the minimum wage, that's how! And all the profits will go straight back to America, so how does that help Layton? The town centre may be a bit tatty at the moment but that's why the council should be more concerned about supporting local housing and businesses, rather than turning it into a gigantic superstore and car park."

What do you think? Have your say here: [Layton Superstore Plans](#)

Task C

a What is the news story behind the article?

b What do you think the phrase "I think this will be a real boon for the town" means?

c What do you think Tina Spence is implying when she says, "Of course Councillor Phillips is going to be in favour. He's Frank Blackmore's business partner, isn't he?" Give a reason for your answer.

d Jay Phillips and Tina Spence have differing ideas on the jobs that the new superstore will bring. Explain the point that each one makes.

Jay Phillips _____

Tina Spence _____

e What two things do both Councillor Phillips and Tina Spence agree on?

END OF ASSESSMENT

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