# **Short Texts II**

Read the five short texts below and then complete the sentences by choosing the **best** alternative. Write the letter you have chosen, A, B, C or D, in the appropriate box below.

## 1 Gardening

Commercial flower growers are planting trip wires and alarms in daffodil beds to combat gangs of snatchers who clear fields overnight.

The text is about...

- A gardeners protecting their flowers
- B fast-growing daffodils
- C means of controlling insects
- D friendly flower pickers

## 2 Happy Pet

Jerry, a 12-month-old tabby cat, survived a 15-minute spin after climbing inside a tumble dryer at its owner's home in Selly Oak, Birmingham.

The text is about...

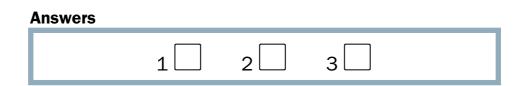
- A a purring kitten
- B an adventure in the laundry room
- C a cat that can do funny tricks
- D a pet that escaped from home

#### 3 GPS

Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers which use satellite signals to pinpoint your location anywhere on earth within 50 m have become cheap and portable enough for any traveller to use.

The text is about...

- A satellite-transmitted radio programs
- B a cheap type of Walkman
- C a handy means of finding your whereabouts
- D an effective radio transmitter



## 4 Noisy Devices

An underwater device which makes loud noises is the latest invention salmon farmers have introduced to keep seals away from their fish cages. However, seals are pretty smart, and once they have discovered the noise is associated with a salmon farm, it is a signal saying, "It's mealtime".

It is suggested that...

- A salmon have to be fed at fixed hours
- B fish farming is a business in difficulty
- C seals prefer salmon to other fish
- D the device mentioned does not serve its purpose

### **5 Dangerous Waters**

Bomb disposal experts blew up a mine two miles off Broadstairs, Kent, after it was spotted by fishermen.

The news item says that...

- A some fishermen have been threatened with bombs
- B a mine has been disarmed off the South Coast
- C fishermen have used bombs when fishing
- D experts have made mine experiments in Kent



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