



Part I – **READING COMPREHENSION** – Read the following text and answer questions 1 to 10.

**Legends and Myths of Britain**

Are they true? Are they just good stories? The truth is we all love a good myth or legend. England, Scotland, and Wales are replete with ancient legends and old myths. **Their** origins are lost in time and they pass from generation to generation. In this section we cover some **well-known** or interesting legends.

**Beasts** – There are several stories about enormous beasts of various descriptions, **such as** big cats and monster black dogs. People hear strange animal noises at night or at cemeteries. They believe these beasts protect the dead. These beasts also inspire tales such as Sherlock Holmes's 'The Hounds of Baskervilles'.

**Glastonbury** – In this place some famous English myths and legends have their origin – King Arthur and his Knights, Camelot, the Holy Grail and more.

**Ghosts and haunted houses** – Some locations all over Great Britain are links to stories about ghosts and **haunted** houses, things or places, for example, the

Tower of London, a place of executions in the past, or Dunwich, a place in the east of England. There people hear the bells of a lost town.

**Robin Hood** – This legend is about the expert archer, Robin Hood. He lives in Sherwood Forest with his band of Merry Men. He robs the rich and gives to the poor. Robin Hood is the regional symbol of Nottinghamshire and there are pictures of this intrepid hero with **his** bow and arrow on road signs.

**Loch Ness Monster** – Legends from the years 1600-1700 say that a monster lives in Loch Ness, a large and very **deep** lake in Scotland. But does this gigantic creature really exist? Thousands of people frequently visit the area to try and find "Nessie".

Now you decide – is there truth in these myths?

Adapted from: [http://www.anglik.net/legends\\_britain.htm](http://www.anglik.net/legends_britain.htm)  
and <http://www.visitbritain.com>

**I – UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT**

1. The main idea of the text above is...

- a) there are different myths and legends in Britain.      c) people do not remember these British legends.  
b) these stories are interesting but they are not true.      d) to say that these myths and legends are true.  
e) people in Britain believe in these myths.

2. The text above says that:

- a) "Nessie" is a nickname for Loch Ness.      c) Loch Ness is a city in Scotland.  
b) Loch Ness is an enormous monster.      d) the Loch Ness Monster is a recent legend.  
e) there is a legend about a big lake monster.

3. Choose the **CORRECT** alternative according to the text. In the legend, Robin Hood is...

- a) a famous forest.      b) a very rich man.      c) a policeman.      d) an archer.      e) a fisherman.

4. Choose the **INCORRECT** alternative according to the text.

- a) Myths and legends are part of Britain's history.      c) The Loch Ness Monster is an old legend.  
b) People think these beasts protect the dead.      d) Stories about ghosts exist only in England.  
e) King Arthur and the Holy Grail are famous legends.

**II – REFERENCE**

5. The word **'their'** (line 4) refers to:

- a) England      b) generation      c) Wales      d) origins      e) legends and myths

6. The word **'his'** (line 27) refers to:

- a) Nottinghamshire      b) this intrepid hero      c) Sherwood Forest      d) Merry Men      e) regional symbol

**III – VOCABULARY**

7. In the text, the word **'well-known'** (line 6) means:

- a) not familiar      b) important      c) famous      d) not popular      e) very rich

8. In the text, the word **'haunted'** (line 18) means:

- a) without people      b) strange      c) ugly and dirty      d) with ghosts      e) crowded

9. The word **'deep'** (line 30) means in the text:

- a) profound      b) low      c) big      d) beautiful      e) shallow

10. The expression **'such as'** (line 8) states in the sentence the idea of:

- a) addition      b) condition      c) consequence      d) contrast      e) illustration





**S2****ANSWER KEY**

<b>01</b>	A	<b>26</b>	B
<b>02</b>	E	<b>27</b>	C
<b>03</b>	D	<b>28</b>	D
<b>04</b>	D	<b>29</b>	E
<b>05</b>	E	<b>30</b>	D
<b>06</b>	B	<b>31</b>	C
<b>07</b>	C	<b>32</b>	D
<b>08</b>	D	<b>33</b>	A
<b>09</b>	A	<b>34</b>	B
<b>10</b>	E	<b>35</b>	C
<b>11</b>	C	<b>36</b>	D
<b>12</b>	D	<b>37</b>	A
<b>13</b>	A	<b>38</b>	B
<b>14</b>	B	<b>39</b>	C
<b>15</b>	C	<b>40</b>	D
<b>16</b>	E	<b>41</b>	A
<b>17</b>	A	<b>42</b>	B
<b>18</b>	E	<b>43</b>	C
<b>19</b>	C	<b>44</b>	D
<b>20</b>	E	<b>45</b>	A
<b>21</b>	A	<b>46</b>	B
<b>22</b>	B	<b>47</b>	C
<b>23</b>	E	<b>48</b>	D
<b>24</b>	D	<b>49</b>	A
<b>25</b>	E	<b>50</b>	B