

## GT Reading Mock Test 48:

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### Part 1: Question 1-14

You should spend about **20** minutes on Questions **1-14**, which are based on Reading Passages below.

Write answers to questions in boxes **1-14** on your answer sheet.

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### GT Reading Sample - "Five reviews of the Wellington Hotel" & "Come play walking football or walking netball"

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Read the text below and answer **Questions 1-7**.

#### Five reviews of the Wellington Hotel

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**A.** My husband and I first stayed at the Wellington a few years ago, and we've returned every year since then. When we arrive and check in, we're always treated like old friends by the staff, so we very much feel at home. Our one disappointment during our last visit was that our room overlooked the car park, but that didn't spoil our stay.

**B.** The hotel hardly seems to have changed in the last hundred years, and we prefer that to many modern hotels, which tend to look the same as each other. The Wellington has character! Our room was very comfortable and quite spacious. We can strongly recommend the breakfast, though we had to wait for a table as the hotel was so full. That was a bit annoying, and there was also nowhere to sit in the lounge.

**C.** We made our reservation by phone without problem, but when we arrived the receptionist couldn't see it on the computer system. Luckily there was a room available. It wasn't quite what we would have chosen, but it was a pleasure to sit in it with a cup of tea, and look out at the swimmers and surfers in the sea.

**D.** We'd be happy to stay at the Wellington again. Although there's nothing special about the rooms, the view from the lounge is lovely, and the restaurant staff were friendly and efficient. Breakfast was a highlight – there was so much on offer we could hardly decide what to eat. We'd stay another time just for that!

**E.** The staff all did their jobs efficiently, and were very helpful when we asked for information about the area. The only difficulty we had was making our reservation online – it wasn't clear whether payment for our deposit went through or not, and I had to call the hotel to find out. Still, once we'd arrived, everything went very smoothly, and we had a delicious dinner in the restaurant.

### Questions 1-7

Look at the five online reviews of the Wellington Hotel, **A-E**.

*Which review mentions the following?*

Write the correct letter, **A-E**, in boxes **1-7** on your answer sheet.

**NB** You may use any letter more than once.

1. liking the view from the bedroom window
  2. finding the receptionists welcoming
  3. being pleased with the bedroom
  4. becoming confused when booking a room
  5. being impressed by the wide choice of food
  6. staying in the hotel regularly
  7. finding it inconvenient that the hotel was crowded
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Read the text below and answer **Questions 8-14**.

## Come and play walking football or walking netball

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Walking football and netball have become increasingly popular in recent years, but do you know you can take part in this area? The names make it clear what they are – two of the country's favourite sports where, instead of running, the players walk. It's as simple as that.

Walking football was invented in the UK in 2011, but it was a 2014 TV commercial for a bank, showing it providing financial support to someone who wanted to set up a website for the game, that brought it to people's attention. Since then, tens of thousands of people — mostly, though not only, over the age of 50 — have started playing, and there are more than 800 walking football clubs. Both men and women play walking football,

but at the moment the netball teams consist only of women. However, men are beginning to show an interest in playing.

The two games are designed to help people to be active or get fit, whatever their age and level of fitness. In particular, they were invented to encourage older men and women to get more exercise, and to give them a chance to meet other people. Regular physical activity helps to maintain energy, strength and flexibility. You can start gently and do a little more each session. The benefits include lower heart rate and blood pressure, greater mobility, less fat and more muscle.

Many players have given up a sport – either through age or injury – and can now take it up again. They're great ways for people to enjoy a sport they used to play and love, and keep active at the same time, though people who have never played the standard game before are also very welcome.

The local councils Active Lifestyles Team runs sessions at all the council's leisure centres. Come alone or with a friend, and enjoy a friendly game on Monday or Saturday afternoons, or Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Each session costs £3 per person, and you don't have to come regularly or at the same time each week. Our aim is to set up netball and football clubs as soon as there are enough regular players.

#### Questions 8-14

Do the following statements agree with the information given in the text on passage?

In boxes **8-14** on your answer sheet, write

**TRUE** if the statement agrees with the information

**FALSE** if the statement contradicts the information

**NOT GIVEN** if there is no information on this

8. Walking football became well-known when a club featured in a TV programme about the sport.
9. The majority of walking netball players are men.
10. Most clubs arrange social activities for their members,
11. Players are tested regularly to measure changes in their fitness.
12. People who have never played football are encouraged to play walking football.
13. People can take part in the Active Lifestyles Team's sessions whenever they wish
14. The Active Lifestyles Team intends to start clubs in the future.

ANSWER
1. C
2. A
3. B
4. E
5. D
6. A
7. B
8. FALSE
9. FALSE
10. NOT GIVEN
11. NOT GIVEN
12. TRUE
13. TRUE
14. TRUE