

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 1–14**, which are based on the two reading passages below.

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

Marxland Sculpture Garden:

Information for Visitors

A brief history

The Marxland Sculpture Garden occupies 30 hectares of land to the north of the historical town of Coppard. A former golf course, the land was bought by the Coppard Council in 1971 and, thanks to a generous donation by the Marxland family, opened to the public as a sculpture garden in 1975.

What to see

The Garden features more than 120 outdoor sculptures, though areas of the grounds themselves are also works of art, thanks to the efforts of landscape designer Hugh O'Connor. There are both permanent and temporary exhibits, many of which were created by artists from the region, most notably renowned bronze sculptor, Nerida Graham. As you wander through the grounds, don't miss *Shackle of Time*, the colossal mechanical sculpture in the Succulent Garden, or *Figurine* near the pond.

Your visit

The main car park is at the North Street entrance – open 9:00 to 17:00.

If approaching from the east, we also have a smaller parking area available at the Gray Street entrance.

The Marxland Sculpture Garden is open seven days a week 10:00–16:30, excluding 25 and 26 December.

Winter months: The Garden closes at 20:30 for 'Marxland at Night'.

Entry: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child (under 14); \$40 for a family day pass.

The Marxland Sculpture Garden is a hands-on experience so don't be afraid to get up close and feel the surface of the works. We just ask that visitors don't climb on any of the exhibits.

Extra events

There's always something happening at the Garden.

The Jazz in the Garden festival is held in the second week of April, boasting world-class musicians and fantastic food stalls. This is the first time it has been held over two days. The festival has increased in popularity every year since it began in the early 1980s, so get your tickets early!

The Garden has recently started its 'Marxland at Night' program, featuring magical illuminated sculptures. Take an organised tour with one of the Garden staff or try your luck with a map and torch! This event takes place throughout winter.

Action plan for True / False / Not given

- 1 Look at the title and any headings and decide what the text is about.
- 2 Read the text very quickly to get an idea of what it is about. Don't worry about words you don't understand.
- 3 Look at the questions and underline the important words.
- 4 Find the part of the text which mentions the information in the first question. Read that part carefully and decide if the answer is *True*, *False* or *Not given*.
- 5 Now do the same for the other questions.

TIP

The information you need comes in the same order as the information in the text, but it is not always evenly spaced through the text. Some information in the text corresponding to questions may be closer together and some further apart.

TIP

The information in the questions will be a paraphrase of what is in the text, so do not expect to find all the same words. Look for synonyms and phrases that have a similar meaning.

TIP

There will always be at least one *True*, one *False* and one *Not given* answer. However, there may not be the same number of each answer.

Advice

- 1 The heading 'A brief history' indicates there may be information about the use of the garden in the past. Which words refer to a sport and past use?
- 3 Find the name Nerida Graham in the text. Does it specifically say she created 'Shackle of Time'?
- 7 Which words in the final paragraph refer to 'after dark'? Using a synonym will help you find the relevant information. Is a guided tour the only option?

Questions 1–7

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 1?

In boxes 1–7 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

- 1 People once played sport on the land used for Marxland Sculpture Garden.
- 2 Some sculptures are in the park for a limited time.
- 3 Nerida Graham created the *Shackle of Time* sculpture.
- 4 It is free to park your car at the gardens.
- 5 Visitors are forbidden to touch some of the sculptures.
- 6 Jazz in the Garden has been running for several years.
- 7 If visiting the park after dark, you must go with a Garden employee.

