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I've always had a thing for extreme sports, so did some of my friends, luckily. I ~~now~~ now remember one especially petrifying case that happened to us over the summer. — "Let's go rafting in bad weather!" — I exclaimed for my friend Sophie to hear. She raised her brows in surprise — "It ain't no good idea and you know it."
— "Don't be so pessimistic, think of it as the most terrific experience you'll ever have, like I do!"
— "Your naive excitement bedazzles me. Do you even realize, how dangerous this can ~~and~~ will be? I never knew you were this careless about your own life, Mae."
— "Nonsense; stop it, for Christ's sake! I can assure you nothing's gonna go wrong — both Kate and Andy have already agreed to come along, and as you know, they're both rafting extraordinaires!" Sophie sighed, and I was ~~slowly~~ slowly losing my patience at this point.
— "As if I'd ever get you to listen..." she muttered.
— "Anyway, you in?" — I asked, having ignored her last comment.
— "Fine. But if something goes wrong, it's your rock, not mine."

On the next day, off we went, four hungry for adventure teens. And oh yes, the weather was truly terrible, just like I wanted it to be. The Washougal river was ripping the shore apart, boiling, fizzling angrily. Tiny turtles were scuttling in the sands in search of shelter, but to me — what a beautiful sight that was, what an uncanny resemblance it bore to any of Aiwarowsky's ~~works~~ magnificent works; In other words — beautiful was the river's rage, not to mention the ultramarine skies with heartless black clouds soaring in the midst of this dismay, with flashing white lightning, the thunder's merciless applause and what seemed like gallons of water pouring from above.

Of course, my friends were more than terrified, and I cannot blame them, for I too felt a chilling shiver down my spine, as heart-wrenching as it is purifying; it clears one's mind, I ~~think~~ think ~~that~~.

Finally, after lots of whining and moaning, we managed to get our raft on the water, we took our seats and let the rapids wildly take us away from Tina bar, away from the shore. After that, I only remember hearing screams, some of them my very own, feeling the adrenaline rush through my veins.



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mixed with pure fear and surprise combined. Our brains helplessly tried to work out a solution, but all hope had already abandoned us; before long, the raging waves had taken over and we all dived head-first into the ice-cold water, some of us still gripping onto the reels of what has formerly been our safe, dry raft. After that, we crawled back to shore like soaking wet rats, shuddering with fear, and cold as an icicle. We got back home in one piece: cold, drenched, but having learnt an important lesson.



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Listening Answer Sheet

Task 1

For questions 1-8 choose the correct answer or answers A, B, C or D.

For questions 9-10 complete the sentences using 1 word from the recording.

1.	B
2.	B
3.	A
4.	BCD
5.	B
6.	AC
7.	A
8.	ABD
9.	BRIEF
10.	CREATIVE

Task 2

Letters A-H list the reasons for attending the course. As you listen, put them in order in which you hear them by completing the boxes numbered 11-15.

For questions 16-20, choose from the list A-H what surprised the speaker about the course.

11.	D
12.	F
13.	C
14.	A
15.	E
16.	E
17.	F
18.	A
19.	C
20.	D



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1.	P
2.	F
3.	N
4.	A
5.	L
6.	C
7.	V
8.	E
9.	W
10.	U
11.	Edinburgh
12.	league Tables
13.	1606
14.	Peter Pan
15.	Polyanna
16.	befits
17.	black
18.	mentoring
19.	loose
20.	ampleness

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Reading Answer Sheet

1.	F
2.	C
3.	A
4.	E
5.	D
6.	B

7.	C
8.	C
9.	C
10.	B
11.	A
12.	BD
13.	B
14.	AD
15.	C
16.	AD
17.	A
18.	B
19.	AD
20.	B

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