

(B-2)

23. Which of the following is TRUE?
- A. The town of Marathon is about 42 km from Athens.
 - B. Pheidippides was a member of the Persian army.
 - C. The first Olympic Games were held in 490 BC.
 - D. The marathon has been an Olympic event for hundreds of years.
24. Which of the following could replace **collapsed** in paragraph 1?
- A. Apologised
 - B. Cheered loudly
 - C. Fell down
 - D. Said a prayer
25. From paragraph 2, we know that _____.
- A. marathons did not become popular until recently
 - B. no one has yet run a marathon in less than two hours
 - C. the exact length of a marathon is a little less than 42 km
 - D. thousands of people take part in marathons every year
26. Which of the following is NOT true?
- A. Runners of the Big Five Marathon may encounter wild animals.
 - B. The Marathon des Sables takes six days.
 - C. The 4 Deserts Race series is 250 km long.
 - D. Wildlife can be a threat to marathon runners.
27. From paragraph 4, what is an ultramarathon?
- A. A race across a hot or cold desert.
 - B. A race that is longer than a marathon.
 - C. A race that is at least 250 km long.
 - D. A race that takes more than one day.
28. What is the main idea of the text?
- A. Distance events are becoming tougher.
 - B. It is amazing how far some people can run.
 - C. Marathons can be very dangerous.
 - D. The history of marathons goes back to Ancient Greece.
29. Matt is writing an e-mail to a friend. Complete the sentences using the information on P4. Fill in each blank with only **ONE** word. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Hi Sophie,

Did you know there's a marathon at the North Pole? You run around the pole

_____ (a) _____ times! There's also a series of desert races on four different

_____ (b) _____, including Antarctica. I'd like to ...