

PART 2

You are going to read an article about dinosaurs. For questions 7-13, choose the answer (A, B, C or D) which you think fits best according to the text.

On a visit to a film studio in Los Angeles, I saw a fleet of dinosaurs being built to star in Steven Spielberg's movie, *Jurassic Park*, based on the best-selling novel by Michael Crichton. In building these dinosaurs, the creators are striving for perfection. They want these creatures to move so naturally that people who see the film will think they really are living animals.

There are five main dinosaur characters. There's a T-Rex, a Triceratops, a Dilophosaurus, a Brachiosaurus and the Velociraptors. The T-Rex is the largest. The Brachiosaurus would be larger, but the studio is only building its head and neck. The Velociraptors look the most evil. They hunt in groups and appear to be very intelligent. They have cold eyes and their open mouths and jagged teeth make them likely to scare anyone who sees them in *Jurassic Park*.

Velociraptors may appear to have been intelligent, but were dinosaurs really clever? I put the question to Dale Russell, who works at the Canadian Museum of Nature, and who has been studying this for years. Russell has actually built a model of what he thinks a dinosaur would look like today, if they had not died out. He has called this creature the Troodon. It is about as big as a whippet and the model looks like a cross between a lizard and a human. Russell believes the Troodon would have had the largest brain of all similar creatures.

Russell also believes that dinosaurs such as the Troodon would have continued to develop if they had not died out. Features such as walking on two feet instead of four, developing larger brains and manual skills would have continued to evolve through the ages. Russell thinks that if the Troodon had survived, they would have developed brains the size of humans by now. But many scientists have argued that a bigger brain does not make creatures more intelligent. They have agreed with Russell, though, that the Velociraptors in *Jurassic Park* were about as intelligent as chickens!

Unlike the story of *Jurassic Park*, in which dinosaurs become a threat to civilisation, Russell believes that they would be too stupid and slow to create a problem in the modern world. Human beings would be able to defeat them, and even the plants they eat have developed defence systems such as thorns and poisonous substances. The modern world would simply overpower them. But because dinosaurs died out such a long time ago, we can only guess at how these creatures would cope today.

- 7 The creators of the dinosaurs want them to be perfect because
- A they are to star in *Jurassic Park*.
 - B they are supposed to scare filmmakers.
 - C they want them to appear real.
 - D they want to use them again.
- 8 The Brachiosaurus is smaller than the T-Rex because the studio
- A is only building the T-Rex.
 - B is not making a complete model.
 - C is in a hurry to finish.
 - D does not have enough money.
- 9 What does "this" (line 12) refer to?
- A how dinosaurs developed
 - B the intelligence of dinosaurs
 - C the relative size of dinosaurs
 - D the intelligence of Velociraptors
- 10 The Troodon is
- A a wildcat.
 - B a half-human lizard.
 - C a hunting animal.
 - D a model of a modern dinosaur.
- 11 Russell believes that the Troodon would have had a human-size brain by now because
- A it was more intelligent than other animals.
 - B it was unlike any other animal.
 - C it had begun to develop manual skills.
 - D it would have continued to evolve through the ages.
- 12 The Velociraptors in *Jurassic Park* had
- A very little intelligence.
 - B very large brains.
 - C the ability to fly.
 - D very good manual skills.
- 13 Dinosaurs would not threaten modern society because
- A they would not be able to hunt.
 - B humans would kill them.
 - C they could not tolerate the climate.
 - D there would be no space for them.

