

B1+/B2 Reading comprehension match-up

The *Shinkansen* are fast but onboard food sales slowing

1. The Japanese *Shinkansen*, generally known as bullet trains and...
 2. The trains have been operating since 1964 and their popular food...
 3. However in recent years, not only has there been less demand for...
 4. People are either buying from vending machines or bringing...
 5. The change takes place this autumn on the...
 6. For customers with a desire for food, it will only be available in...
 7. The slower *Kodama* bullet train on the same Tokyo-Osaka service...
 8. Now the same applies on the other services, both...
 9. So as travellers pass by landmarks such as Mount Fuji, they...
 10. This also signals a reduction in the number of cabin crew...
 11. Plus they will be...
 12. Female staff will neither have to wear skirts nor hats, they...
 13. Yet the crew will still follow Japanese...
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- A. ...their own food such as the traditional Japanese *bento* boxed lunches.
 - B. ...the first-class carriages and only if purchased in advance via an app.
 - C. ...dressed more simply.
 - D. ...famed for their high speeds, are phasing out sales of food.
 - E. ...food onboard, but also there has been no shortage of food sales on platforms.
 - F. ...will need to have made alternative plans for food, or stay hungry.
 - G. ...can be at ease in trousers and without hats.
 - H. ...who would be needed to push the carts up and down the aisles.
 - I. ...original bullet train connection between Tokyo and Osaka.
 - J. ...etiquette, bowing when entering and leaving the coaches.
 - K. ...the faster *Nozomi* and *Hikari* trains.
 - L. ...carts have always been an enjoyment for passengers.
 - M. ...already stopped food cart sales in 2012.

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Answers

1D, 2L, 3E, 4A, 5I, 6B, 7M, 8K, 9F, 10H, 11C, 12G, 13J

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