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ENGLISH EVALUATION

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- **Competence:** Reads different types of written texts in English as a foreign language
- **Skill:** Infer and interpret information from written text.

1. Read the article and match the summaries (a-g) to the tips (1-7)

Things I wish I had known

Occasionally I remember my younger years, and wish I had done some things differently. Here are seven things I really wish I'd known when I was a teenager. My life might have worked out very differently.

1 If only I hadn't worried so much about what other people thought. I always wanted to be part of the group, and I tried hard to live up to other people's expectations. I spent so much time wanting other people to like me that it took me a long time to really discover who 'I' was.

2 I was a good student, but I usually chose classes just so I could be with my friends. If only I'd known how useful it would be to study French, or Spanish or …! There have been so many times in my life when I wish I was able to speak to someone from another country. Now, at the age of 40, it's probably a bit late to learn …

3 I loved sugar. I didn't think it was bad for me at all. Interestingly, I never put on weight, but let's just say I don't have a confident smile these days. Why? It's because of all that sugar I had two decades ago. I wish I'd known how expensive dentist bills are, too.

4 I wish I'd known that my parents weren't just annoying people who criticised me all the time. Now I'm a parent, I understand how difficult it is to be one, and how many things you have to give up. I was often really mean towards my parents. I never told them anything about myself, and I couldn't wait to leave them. If only I'd known how difficult that must have been, because they were always great, and did nothing wrong.

5 I could be a millionaire by now if I'd started saving earlier. Well, maybe not, but if I'd saved 5% of the money I got from part-time jobs, or full-time jobs when I was in my 20s, things would have been a lot easier later in life. When I was a teenager, I didn't understand what emergencies are, and that you have to be ready for them.

6 When you're young, you think the people you hang out with will be there forever. They won't. And nothing lasts forever. Some people will disappear, and you won't even have a chance to say goodbye. I wish I'd known that if you want to keep people in your life, you sometimes have to work hard.

7 Finally, I wish I'd known that life in TV and films isn't real. From watching them, you might think that being a teenager is amazing all the time, and all your friends are having a great time. They are probably having the same problems as you. They just aren't being honest about showing it. So, don't dwell on your problems, and remember that things will get better!

a I wish I'd been myself. ☐

b I wish I'd learned about money. ☐

c I wish I'd known that being a teenager is hard. ☐

d I wish I'd learned another language. ☐

e I wish I'd had a different attitude towards my family. ☐

f I wish I'd looked after my teeth. ☐

g I wish I'd kept in touch with people. ☐

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2. Read the article again. Mark the sentences true (T), false (F) or doesn't say (DS).

1 The writer is a teenager. ☐

2 The writer didn't care about what other people thought of her. ☐

3 She didn't study languages at school. ☐

4 The writer doesn't like her teeth now. ☐

5 Now, she blames her parents for why she was unhappy. ☐

6 She is very poor now. ☐

7 She has kept in touch with all her friends from school. ☐

8 She watched too much TV when she was younger. ☐

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