



ENGLISH EXAM A2

Reading & Writing

2nd Trimester

Read carefully, and follow the directions.

I. Read the text from which some sentences have been taken out. Choose the correct sentences (A-D) to fill the gaps. 10 pts

Do you have a home and a happy family? Perhaps you go to school and you're studying to go to university. You work hard and you hope to have a good job in the future, get married and live in a nice house. You've probably got some hobbies too and do sports and go out with your friends sometimes. (1) ___ There's a lot of work, and you don't have time to do everything you want. Is that true for you? Well, give us just a moment of your time to think about something that is very important.

Some people don't have the same life as you. They didn't go to university and they don't have a good job. They don't have a family. (2) ___ We see these people every day in the big cities, but we don't want to see them. We don't look at them because we think they are dirty and lazy. We think that they live on the streets because they don't want to work. That isn't true. These people had everything a long time ago. They had a life the same as us. (3) ___ Now they have to sleep on the roads or under bridges and they have to ask us for food and money.

Here at Homes for All, we try to help these people. We give them a bed for the night and some food when it's very cold outside. (4) ___ Can you help us? If your answer is yes, then contact us on homesforall.com. Life is hard for all of us sometimes.

- A. They don't have a home.
- B. We also try to find work for them.
- C. But something happened, and they lost everything.
- D. But life is sometimes difficult for you too.

II. Read the magazine interview. Decide if the statements are true, false, or not mentioned. 10 pts

A: Hi! I'm Mike Prior and I'm a journalist for the college film magazine.
B: Hi, Mike. I often read the magazine. There are some good reviews!
A: Did you go to see the new Sherlock Holmes film last year?
B: Actually, I did. I went with two friends.
A: I'm writing an interview review for the magazine. Is it OK if I interview you?
B: Sure! That's great. I'm Pamela Jordan.
A: So, Pamela. Did you like the film?
B: My friends and I had different opinions. I liked it, but they didn't.
A: Why was that?
B: I liked it because I thought it was a good adventure. I like Robert Downey Jr and I think he's a good actor. I thought the film was exciting and I liked the story. It was clever.
A: Why didn't your friends like it?
B: Well, they really like the old Sherlock Holmes stories and they thought this film was too modern! They didn't like Robert Downey Jr as Sherlock. They thought it was like a James Bond action film, and Sherlock Holmes is really a great detective, not an action man! Also, in the old stories Dr Watson is quite slow and not clever like Sherlock. But in this film, he's very quick and clever too!
A: Do you think it's good to make films from books?
B: Yes, I do. The film can be different from the book because it's a different art form. Sometimes it must be different because you don't want to get bored! Today, a lot of films from books are modern, and that's good because people today can find something useful and interesting for them in the films. It's also good to make people think about the old stories, and perhaps they can read them after the film. I read some of the Sherlock Holmes stories after the film.
B: Did you like them?
B: Yes. They were good. But I preferred the film! It was more exciting!

1. Mike works for a film company
2. Pamela saw the film with her family
3. They all liked the film
4. Pamela liked all the actors in the film
5. Some people thought the film should be like the old stories

III. You went on a school trip to your capital city (CDMX). Write an email to your friend, Tom and tell him about it. Write 50-60 words. 10 pts

IV. Write an essay for your teacher about the differences in your life when you were first at school and now. Write 60-80 words. 10 pts