A Read the text below. For questions (1-5) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

CAREER CHOICES

I'm often asked the question 'How did you become a journalist?' You see, everybody expected me to follow in my father's footsteps and become a doctor. Well, during my last year of school I was given the opportunity to visit a career guidance counsellor and I drove her crazy with my choices.

My first choice was a chocolate tester. Although my counsellor wasn't very impressed, she got me the information. I discovered that chocolate testers earn a lot of money, so I was sure I had found my dream job. However, when I found out that chocolate testers don't just sit around eating chocolate all day, I lost my enthusiasm. It seems that they are also brand managers, which means they are involved in the marketing and promotion of the product. I finally decided against it when I realised a university degree would be needed.

Next, I thought of becoming a football referee. I had loved football from a young age, but being a professional footballer was out of the question, as I couldn't play very well. Anyway, it seems that referees must be able to run two and a half miles in less than twelve minutes and they are required to take exams throughout their training. On top of that, only after many years of experience – and if they are lucky – do they get the chance to referee big professional matches. So, my dream of showing David Beckham a red card was shattered.

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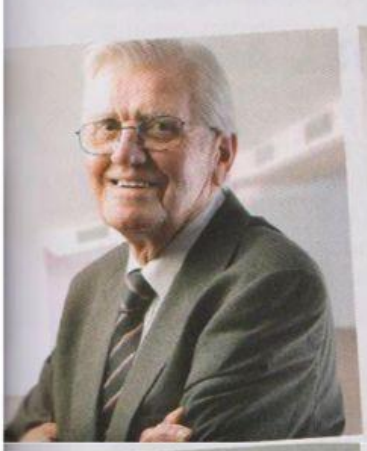
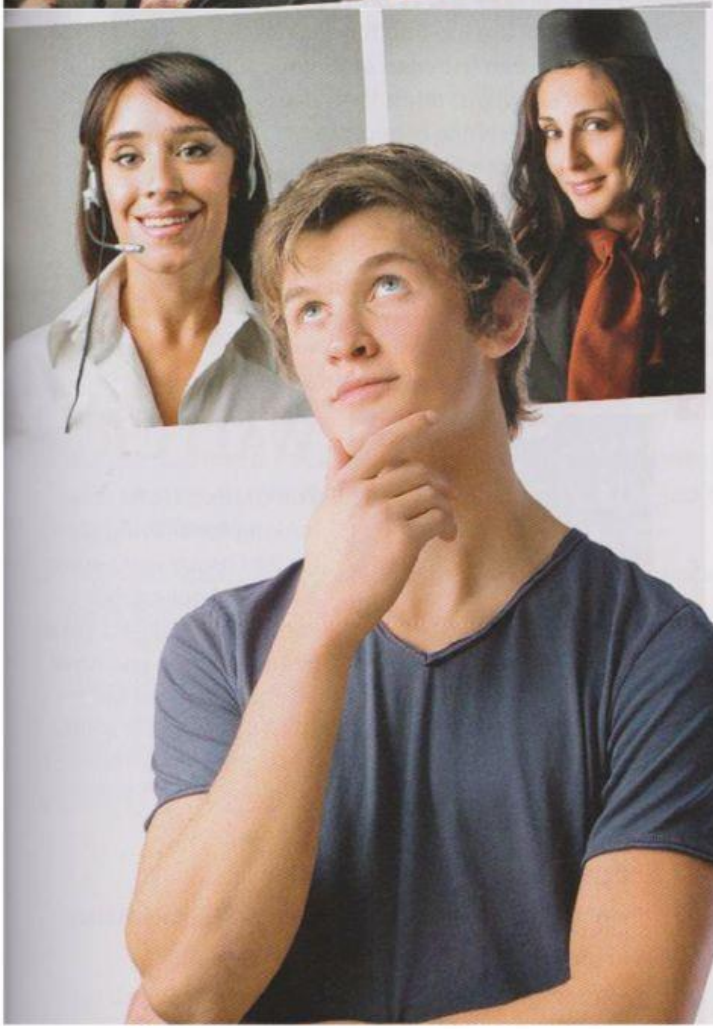
Finally, I had this brilliant idea of becoming a dog stylist. That was after I realised how much money our dog stylist, Shirley, was being paid every time we visited her with our Lhasa Apso, Philipo. However, once, while she was styling Philipo, I noticed that he tried to bite her. 'It happens all the time,' she told me. As you can imagine, that really put me off.

To cut a long story short, all this research made me realise I had a gift for investigation, so by the end of the school year I had decided to become a journalist.





Exam Tip

In Exam Task B, Questions 4 and 5 check if you understand the text as a whole. In this type of question, you may be asked what kind of text it is, where it might appear, what the title of the text could be, etc. So, first, you must read the questions carefully. Then, read the text quickly and try to get a general understanding of it. Rewad the options for each question carefully to see which one best suits the text as a whole. Be careful with options which refer only to a part of the text or include words or phrases from the text but do not describe it globally.

1. What did the writer want to become when he was in his last year of school?
   A. a doctor
   B. a journalist
   C. a career guidance counsellor
   D. He wasn't sure.

2. What was the main reason why the writer decided not to become a chocolate tester?
   A. He didn't want to become a brand manager.
   B. He didn't want to study at university.
   C. He didn't like marketing.
   D. He didn't want to sit around eating chocolate all day.

3. Which of the following is **NOT** required in order to referee a big professional match?
   A. being able to play football very well
   B. having a lot of experience
   C. being physically fit
   D. having a bit of luck

4. Who is Philipo?
   A. a dog stylist
   B. Shirley's dog
   C. the dog of the writer's family
   D. the dog of one of Shirley's clients

5. What does the writer mean by the phrase 'a gift for investigation' in the last paragraph?
   A. an ability to write good stories
   B. a present which was not expected
   C. a career in journalism
   D. a talent at discovering facts

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