

PRACTICE 2

You are going to read an article about a relationship.

Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose the sentences (A – H) to fit each gap (35 – 40). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

MY FATHER AND I

Living with a father who was in the military was nerve-racking. From the high discipline to the constant feel that somebody was watching your every move, life was difficult for me as a child. The upbringing that I went through is actually a blessing when I realised the rewards later on in my life.

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It all began when I started kindergarten at the age of six.

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 Perhaps because I was still little and did not know better. However, once the school uniform was put on, it came with a string of discipline "garment" as well.

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 I was taught to get up without an alarm clock because discipline was an intricate part of our daily lives. It began with us waking up early by setting our minds to it. From here, the bed must be dusted, and then a quick shower and breakfast.

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 Imagine how hectic my morning would be!

From there, I grew up and entered primary, then secondary school.

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 It was difficult, yet it served its way and I only perhaps reaped its reward when I entered college later on. I was usually the first to be in class, even before the lecturer entered. I also respected deadlines and always finished work beforehand compared to the rest of my classmates.

I was always thrown the question, "How do you do it?". I often answered, "I don't know. I guess it's just my way of life".

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- A The military upbringing was still the same.
- B All this should be done in the next 15 minutes after one has awoken.
- C Before that, it was much easier to get away with things.
- D I am so furious and disappointed whenever I remember those times.
- E Nevertheless, it would take years before my younger self would reach such realisation.
- F It was never my choice to lead my life like that.
- G It was tough for me at first.
- H Perhaps growing up with a military dad isn't that bad after all.

[6 marks]