

IELTS Writing II

Text 01 William Henry Perkin

Homework Practice Worksheet



LESSON 1 – TEXT INTRODUCTION

➤ **Part A: Vocabulary Practice:**

Instructions: Draw a line to match the vocabulary word with the correct definition.

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| 1. Stumble Upon | not found in nature; man-made |
| 2. Immerse | to originate from; to come from |
| 3. Devotion | lots and lots of money |
| 4. Perceive | deep affection or dedication to a person or to an idea |
| 5. Enrolment | to completely cover or submerge an object in water |
| 6. Fortune | to discover something by accident; to discover something unexpectedly |
| 7. Derive from | the degree to which everyone wants something |
| 8. Surpass | to go beyond in distance or ability; to go further/be better than others |
| 9. Desirability | being entered into an activity or event (for example: school or a race) |
| 10. Synthetic | to know something without being directly told the information |

➤ **Part B: Skills Practice:**

Instructions: (1) Read the following paragraph from the text and answer the questions below. Type the letter of the correct answer in the space provided.

With the help of his father and brother, Perkin set up a factory not far from London. Utilizing the cheap and plentiful coal tar that was an almost unlimited by-product of London's gas street lighting, the dye works began producing the world's first synthetically dyed material in 1857. The company received a commercial boost from Empress Eugenie of France, when she decided the new color flattered her. Very soon, mauve was the necessary shade for all the fashionable ladies in that country.

11. Choose the sentence that best describes the topic for this paragraph. _____
- Perkin receives help from family members.
 - Perkin's factory begins producing synthetically dyed material.
 - Fashion choices in France make Perkin rich.
 - Fashionable ladies love the new mauve color.
12. Which words best describe the coal tar that Perkin used to make synthetic dye? _____
- abundant and inexpensive
 - scarce and costly
 - rare and hidden
 - profitable and problematic

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Instructions : (2) Read the paragraph below. Look at the underlined key words from the paragraph. Type the key words in the columns that identify **why** they are important.

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Key Word Identification Chart

Names	Dates	Places

Instructions : (3) Read the paragraph and choose the answer that best states the topic.

_____ Clothes today are very different from the clothes of the 1800s. In the 1800s most clothes were not very colorful. They were dyed with juice from vegetables or other plants which would fade over time. Today, clothes are colorful, thanks to William Henry Perkin and his discovery of synthetic dye. Now, colorful clothes are easily affordable for everyone, not just the rich. When you are shopping in stores today you will see many brightly colored clothes that are both beautiful and affordable.

- The invention of synthetic dye
- Discoveries of William Henry Perkin
- Changes in the production of clothing over the centuries
- Differences between modern clothing and past clothing