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**READING: FUTURE WILL VS BE GOING TO.**

**Read the text below about a strange coincidence. For questions 26 to 30, choose the best answer (a, b or c).**

**A STRANGE COINCIDENCE**

I read an article a few days ago comparing the assassinations of President Kennedy and President Lincoln of the United States. The number of similarities was quite amazing (and too many to give in detail here), but what did it mean? There are plenty of people who believe that such coincidences have some special meaning. But I am not one of those. As far as I am concerned, it's simply mathematical chance.

However, the article did remind me of something which happened to me; it shows that when coincidences do happen, they can make you feel very strange, even frightened.

It happened when I was a teenager. At that time, I was interested in horror stories and books about terrible crimes. One evening, I was reading a book about the crimes of Jack the Ripper, a particularly unpleasant man who killed a number of women in London in the 1880s. The chapter I was reading was about the night of 30th September,1888, when he committed two horrible murders. It was full of detail and made me feel very uncomfortable. Suddenly I had this strange feeling and looked up at the calendar on the wall of my room. And there it was, 30th September, the SAME DATE as the murders.

I suddenly felt very scared. I threw the book down, rushed out of my room and ran down stairs to the living room, where my parents were watching TV. I sat down, my heart beating wildly. Fortunately, my parents were both concentrating on the TV programme and didn't try to speak to me. Gradually, I recovered and began to feel very stupid about my reaction to the date. As a matter of fact, I completed the book the next day. Of course, I still believe coincidences are just chance, but when you do experience them, they can have an amazing effect.

(1) The writer didn't mention any of the coincidences between the presidents because…

a) he didn't believe them.

b) he didn't have time.

c) they weren't very interesting.

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(2) When he read the article about the presidents, the writer…

a) wasn't surprised.

b) remembered something.

c) changed his attitude to coincidences.

(3) The writer was reading about Jack The Ripper because…

a) he was interested in the subject.

b) it was a horror story.

c) he was studying crime.

(4) The coincidence of the dates made him feel…

a) excited.

b) confused.

c) frightened.

(5) He went downstairs…

a) to watch TV.

b) to get out of his room.

c) to talk to his parents.

(6) The next day…

a) he thought the book was stupid.

b) he threw the book away.

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c) he continued reading the book.

**EXERCISE 2. Read the text below about somebody's worst job. For questions 26 to 30, choose the best answer (a, b or c).**

**MY WORST JOB**

The worst job I ever had was as a waiter in a busy pizza restaurant in London.

It all happened very quickly. I had the interview on the Monday. It went very well and they offered me the job there and then and asked me to start on the Tuesday.

It was hard work from the beginning. I was on my feet all day, carrying heavy trays of food, having to remember what customers ordered, and having to work very quickly. And of course, I had to do all of this with a smile on my face.

But that wasn't the problem with the job. In fact, I'd expected it to be like this when I accepted the job. No, the real problem was the customers I had to deal with.

Don't get me wrong, I met a lot of really nice people. But you could be sure that every day, there would be at least one customer who'd complain. In fact, I'm sure some of them actually enjoyed complaining. They would call me over and say that the food wasn't hot enough, that it didn't taste right or didn't look right. Usually there was absolutely nothing wrong with it.

And even when there was something wrong, I had to take the blame, even though I wanted to say, "Look, I didn't make this stuff. The chef made it. All I'm doing is bringing it to the table!"

Then there were those who accused me of getting the order wrong, or who sent the food back because they didn't like one of the ingredients. (Can't they read a simple menu?)

Worst of all, however, were the one who thought they could treat you like a slave or be rude to you just because they were paying. They were the kind of people who think they're so important, but in fact they're just very ignorant (or stupid!). Once or twice, I felt like pouring their drinks over their heads. In fact, one time I did! And that's why I'm not a waiter any more.

(1) She thought the interview...

a) was very quick.

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b) was very successful.

c) was very hard.

(2) When she started the job…

a) she was ready for the hard work.

b) she had problems with her colleagues.

c) she disliked most of the customers.

(3) She thought some customers complained because…

a) the restaurant served bad food.

b) they liked doing it.

c) she did her job badly.

(4) She thought it was _____for customers to blame her.

a) unreasonable

b) understandable

c) unusual

(5) The worst customers…

a) didn't like paying.

b) were often very important.

c) were impolite to her.

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