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Worksheet

Reading

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, C or D on your answer sheet.

Career Choices

Dr Tom Halisham talks about life as a university professor.

I've worked at a university for many years. My opinion of university life when I started my first job was mixed. On the one hand, I enjoyed working in an academic environment and teaching a subject that I loved. But I also felt nervous about having so many very talented colleagues around me. They were experts in my subject and very well-known in the field of psychology.

However, I quickly got used to the job and over time I worked my way up to a senior position in the university. Being a professor is a very rewarding profession, mainly because the job involves so many different activities. I always go home at the end of the day feeling that I've done something interesting. Some of my time is spent teaching classes or helping students with their research. I'm also expected to publish research of my own quite regularly, which can take up a lot of time. However, the reward is the chance to travel the world to share my research at conferences and to meet old friends and new colleagues. In many ways I'm free to decide what I want to research, which conferences I want to attend and, in some cases, what subjects I want to teach.

I once read that being a professor is regarded as one of the least stressful professions but things have changed over the years. Competition between universities has increased and as a result, what was once a relaxed, leisurely occupation is now much busier. Nevertheless, I think I'm very lucky to be in the profession I'm in. I'd certainly recommend it to anyone thinking of following a similar career.

1 What is Dr Halisham's main reason for writing this article?

- A to argue that being a professor has changed
- B to explain what his favourite activity is
- C to describe his job
- D to explain how he became a professor

2 What does he like most about being a professor?

- A He earns a lot of money.
- B He can do different things.
- C He can spend time with his students.
- D He gets the chance to publish his research.

3 What do we learn about his research?

- A He does research into the tourist industry.
- B He wishes it didn't take up so much time.
- C He gets the opportunity to go to other countries.
- D He gets help from his students.

4 What is his attitude to being a professor now?

- A It isn't as enjoyable as it used to be.
- B There is more to do than before.
- C It isn't stressful any more. sont
- D He is in competition with his colleagues.

5 What would he write in his diary?

- A A busy week - but interesting.
- B I spent all week doing the same old things.
- C What a stressful week!
- D Another boring week comes to an end.

Listening

Task 1

You will hear a man talking about a photography course.

For each question, write the missing information in the numbered space.

Photography course

On some Tuesdays students visit local **(1)**

The tutor has been taking photographs for **(2)** years.

On Thursday students take photographs of **(3)** objects.

The course begins on the **(4)**July.

Full fees must be paid at the **(5)**of the course.

John is back in college on **(6)**

Task 2. Listen again & fill in the blanks.

Good evening and many thanks for coming along. As promised, I'll now give you some details about our next photography course. Er..... We meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Media Centre.

Our Tuesday evening class is spent examining photographs taken by local photographers and we'll take the opportunity to visit local **(1)** to see any exhibitions taking place. These visits are a great way to study the different ways experts approach their art.

Your tutor, Rob Waring, has been doing photography for **(2)** years and he'll be your guide. He'll explain what makes a good photograph and each week he'll focus on a different aspect of photography. He's a very popular tutor and I can promise you'll learn a great deal from him.

The Thursday session is more practical and will focus on taking photographs of **(3)** objects. Together, the two sessions will give you a useful introduction to photography that will benefit anyone hoping to develop their skills.

So, if you're interested in signing up, the course runs for four weeks, with a starting date of **(4)** July. I suggest that you join quickly as there is usually a lot of demand and places get taken quite quickly. You don't want to be disappointed!

The cost of the course is £80 - that's £10 per session. You have to pay the full fees at the **(5)** of the course to guarantee a place.

So, if you're interested, please let me know as soon as possible. I'm on holiday for a few days and won't be in college until **(6)** so I suggest you see me then or soon after if you want to join the course.