Reading Comprehension Quiz – Clinging to Culture

Time: 40 minutes

Total Marks: 40

Part 1: Multiple Choice (10 marks)

Choose the correct answer (a, b, c, or d).

1. According to the writer, expatriates often
a) forget their culture
b) show more visible signs of their culture
c) avoid their national traditions
d) become completely local

2. Which example is given in the text?
a) Germans in Italy eating sausages
b) Scotsmen in New Zealand wearing kilts
c) Americans in Canada celebrating Thanksgiving
d) Spanish people in England eating paella

3. English people living in Spain insist on
a) drinking tea with milk and eating fish and chips
b) eating only Spanish food
c) learning Spanish quickly
d) avoiding British traditions

4. The writer describes himself as a
a) Scot living in Spain
b) Welshman living in South America
c) Irishman living in England
d) Frenchman living in Italy

5. According to the writer, expatriates usually
a) plan to return home quickly
b) refuse to adapt to their new country
c) are committed to living in their chosen country
d) dislike the culture of their new country

6. The old lady in the story
a) moved to the north of England
b) kept a strong northern accent
c) forgot her original accent
d) moved to another country

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7. She lived in the south of England for
a) 20 years
b) 30 years
c) over 50 years
d) her whole life

8. Pronunciation is often
a) the easiest part of language learning
b) the hardest part of language learning
c) unimportant in language learning
d) impossible to learn

9. Italian learners may feel that speaking with a perfect English accent makes them
a) more confident
b) less educated
c) less Italian
d) more international

10. According to the writer, accent is usually
a) the first thing to disappear
b) impossible to learn
c) the last thing to disappear
d) not important in communication

Part 2: True or False (10 marks)

1. Expatriates often show fewer signs of their culture than people at home.

2. Irish-Americans sometimes appear more Irish than people living in Ireland.

3. The writer believes expatriates refuse to pay local taxes.

4. Identity plays a role in keeping cultural habits.

5. The old lady completely lost her northern accent.

6. Language learners usually find grammar the hardest part.

7. Accent can be connected to identity.

8. French people can easily be mistaken for native English speakers.

9. People may keep their accent because it is part of who they are.

10. The text discusses culture, identity, and language.

Part 3: Short Answer Questions (10 marks)

1. Why do expatriates often show strong signs of their culture?

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2. Give one example from the text of people keeping their cultural habits.

3. Why did the old lady keep her northern accent?

4. Why might Italian learners resist speaking English with a perfect accent?

5. What does the writer say about French people speaking English?

Part 4: Vocabulary from Context (10 marks)

1. Expatriates show the outward signs of their culture.
a) hidden
b) visible
c) historical
d) traditional

2. They are usually committed to living in the place they've chosen.
a) unwilling
b) forced
c) dedicated
d) confused

3. They have a need to hold on to part of their identity.
a) forget
b) keep
c) change
d) hide

4. Being a northerner was an essential part of who she was.
a) unnecessary
b) unimportant
c) very important
d) accidental

5. It is usually impossible to mistake them for anything other than French.
a) recognize
b) identify
c) confuse
d) remember

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