

## UNIT 9 – READING – G12

*Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions*

### Career experts' advice

Our Teen Talk magazine has recently received a lot of questions from secondary school students asking about things **they** should consider when choosing their careers. We've talked to our career experts, and here is their advice.

First, learn about yourself and discover your personality type, beliefs, soft skills, and interests. For example, if you are passionate about working with people and helping them develop, you may consider becoming a social worker or a teacher. If you are interested in learning languages, history, art, and architecture, you might look at jobs in the tourist industry. Spend time thinking about what you want to do, and list what you are good at. **This can help you come up with a career path that matches your personality. (I)**

Next, you should **take into account** any career qualifications you may need. Many jobs require **formal** education at a university or college. In order to work as a doctor, for example, you will need to study at medical school for some years of general medical training, followed by several years of specialty training. **(II)** But there are also jobs that don't require any formal qualifications. You can be hired as a server or a barista in a coffee shop, for instance, and you will be given on-the-job training.

You should also consider your chances of being hired. Some fields of work may offer very few positions. With technology developing at a fast pace, some jobs such as cashiers and travel agents may become automated or obsolete. **(III)** However, other jobs are on the rise. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists, for instance, are in great demand because of ageing populations and increased life expectancy. **(IV)** That is why before you make a decision, you should carefully examine the opportunities that a career path may provide.

**Question 1.** What is implied about the training process required to become a doctor?

- A. It mainly involves practical experience gained in hospitals
- B. It includes both general study and further specialized training
- C. It focuses more on short-term courses than formal education
- D. It allows learners to begin working immediately after graduation

**Question 2.** The phrase “*take into account*” in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. ignore completely
- C. depend entirely on

- B. consider carefully
- D. result directly in

**Question 3.** The word “*formal*” in paragraph 3 is opposite in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. official
- B. structured
- C. informal
- D. advanced

**Question 4.** The word “*they*” in paragraph 1 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. students
- B. experts
- C. careers
- D. things

**Question 5.** What is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Explaining how education determines future job success
- B. Providing guidance on factors affecting career choices
- C. Describing changes in employment due to modern technology
- D. Comparing different career paths available to students

**Question 6.** According to the passage, which statement is TRUE?

- A. All professions require long-term academic training
- B. Some occupations may disappear as technology advances
- C. Students should base their decisions only on personal interests
- D. Jobs in tourism are becoming less popular worldwide

**Question 7.** Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

*"For this reason, careful planning is essential before starting such a career."*

- A. (I)
- B. (II)
- C. (III)
- D. (IV)

**Question 8.** Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. It helps individuals identify a career suitable for their personal traits
- B. It encourages people to choose jobs that others consider appropriate
- C. It enables students to compare different career paths more easily
- D. It forces individuals to rely only on their strongest abilities

**Question 9.** It can be inferred from the passage that \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. career decisions should involve both self-awareness and job prospects
- B. students tend to prefer jobs that require minimal qualifications
- C. technological development will eliminate most existing occupations
- D. personal interests are more important than employment opportunities

**Question 10.** In which paragraph does the writer mention differences in educational requirements among jobs?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4