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I. READING REVIEW

At the cinemas this week

Mitch Forman interviews Russ Sparks, the star of a new independent film. Mr Sparks is in town to promote his new film, The University of Life.

MF Hello, Mr Sparks.(1) _d_

RS Certainly.

MF (2) ___

RS Well, it's the story of a young lawyer. He lives in the centre of New York City, he's rich, he has a great apartment, he has a lovely family, but he isn't happy. He has trouble sleeping, and he often works very late. Then, one day, his life changes when he becomes friends with an old man at the city hospital.

MF (3) ___

RS He gives up his job at the law firm, and he becomes a song-writer and jazz pianist.

MF (4) ___

RS The old man tells him simple stories about his life. The lawyer learns a lot from these stories – things he didn't learn at expensive private schools and university. These stories help him to understand himself and be happy.

MF (5) ___

RS One of my co-stars is the writer of *The University of Life*. Annika Fredriksen is an amazing person. She's a wonderful actress, and in her free time, she's the singer of a fabulous R&B band, The Moon Rocks.

MF (6) ___

RS She's the young lawyer's wife. I play the lawyer.

MF (7) ___

RS Yes, it does. The lawyer loves his new job. He also has time to enjoy his family again, thanks to the help of the old man. Saleh al-Ghaoui plays the old man. I love working with him. I learn a lot from him about acting, too.

MF Thank you very much for talking to us!

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1. Read the interview quickly and tick ✓ the correct letter.

Who is Saleh al-Ghaoui?

a an actor in the film *The University of Life*

b a newspaper reporter

c the lawyer in the film

2. Complete the interview with the missing questions (a–h). There is one extra question.

a What's the film about?

b Why is the title of the film *The University of Life*?

c Who does she play in the film?

~~d Can I ask you some questions about your new film?~~

e Does the film have a happy ending?

f Is it a film about getting a good education?

g What happens then?

h Who is the writer of the film?

3. Read the interview again. Write true (T), false (F). If there is no information in the text about the statement, write doesn't say (Ds).

1 Mitch Forman is the star of a new film. *F*

2 The young lawyer is unhappy because he isn't rich. ___

3 He goes to hospital because he has trouble sleeping. ___

4 The lawyer stops working for the law firm. ___

5 The young lawyer gives the old man a lot of money. ___

6 Russ Sparks sings in a band called The Moon Rocks. ___

7 Russ says that Saleh teaches him a lot about his job. ___

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