



Extra Training

Reading Task 2131

Part One. Questions 1-6 are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked 1-4. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. Mrs. Johnson opened the letter and read that her uncle Charlie had died a few weeks before. The news was sad, of course, _____ when she read that one third of the money was left to her family.
 1. *but she was pleased*
 2. *and she grew angry*
 3. *and she jumped from joy*
 4. *and so she decided to commit a suicide*
2. We were looking for Joanna for an hour and finally found her in the far end of the garden crying. When we asked her what had happened, she _____. It was quite natural, because it would have been hard for us to understand anything between her sobs.
 1. *began to tell a terrible story about David's affair with Meg.*
 2. *took a pistol from the pocket and shot herself at once*
 3. *showed her new dress and said that she would like to wear it all the evening*
 4. *just pointed at the pond where her favourite doll was floating torn by the dog*
3. We were all wondering why John hadn't come to the party. He was the one who initiated it and the one who invested the largest sum of money. Perhaps he had been kept by some urgent business, but still _____ at least.
 1. *he could send a note or something*
 2. *he might have phoned*
 3. *Sylvia helped us to serve wine*
 4. *we didn't know anything*
4. For days and days he kept thinking about the time with that girl, who in his dreams was always associated with the happiness and joy they had had together. Nearly a year had passed, _____. He needed only to close his eyes and he would see her laughing and telling him about her love. He wished they would be able to return those feelings. He knew that he would never love anyone else like that!
 1. *and the time helped him to forget everything*
 2. *bringing the hard feeling of loneliness and sadness*
 3. *but in his memory every moment of it was still as alive as a reality*
 4. *and she was still near him so beautiful and tender*
5. Paul was nervous. The boss told him to rewrite about 100 pages in a day. When Nelly entered the room she saw him drink coffee. _____ and went to bed without a word.
 1. *She understood that he wouldn't sleep that night.*
 2. *She asked him whether he was going to sleep*
 3. *He put his papers away then put his jacket on*
 4. *He didn't see her stand behind him*
6. The bus stopped and the doors got open. Bill was the first to get off, turned and _____, because he knew how to be a gentleman.
 1. *shouted something to the driver*
 2. *stretched out his hand to his girl-friend*
 3. *stepped aside to let the old woman in*
 4. *waved to the girl sitting by the window*

Part Two. In the rest of this section you will read a passage. It is followed by several questions about it. You are to choose the one BEST answer to each question. Answer all the questions following the passage on the basis of what is STATED or IMPLIED in this passage.

A new atomic clock being developed for navigation satellites will perform better than previous devices. The clock, which incorporates a hydrogen maser, will use new microwave cavity design to provide a compact and lightweight package, and new electronic techniques to maintain long-term stability. The clock can provide precise navigation information because it is stable to one second in three million years. The differences in the time when signals from four satellites arrive at one location can be used to calculate that position to within a few yards.

7. From the passage it can be inferred that which of the following characteristics of the clock mentioned will be the most impressive?
 1. *its compact size*
 2. *its weight*
 3. *its accurateness*
 4. *its ability to measure distance*
8. It can be inferred from the passage that the new clock will be
 1. *long-lasting.*
 2. *harmful to humans.*
 3. *produced in great numbers.*
 4. *very attractively looking*
9. According to the passage, signals from how many satellites will be used to calculate a position?
 1. 1
 2. 2
 3. 3
 4. 4
10. What is the primary concern of the passage?
 1. *To teach a lesson*
 2. *To sell a product*
 3. *To support a theory.*
 4. *To provide information.*