



Extra Training

Reading Task 1625

The following questions are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (1-4). Choose the one word or phrase that completes the sentence correctly.

1. It's hard to understand life correctly. Sometimes _____ and the previous life experience can be of little help. And the taken actions, though one thought them right, might appear bringing only pains and disappointment.
 1. one eats and drinks all day long
 2. a person encounters an unexpected situation
 3. one is being killed by some kind of illness
 4. the weather changes so unexpectedly
2. It was the question whether to take an opportunity at once or to reject the offer completely that he was unable to solve. _____, and no mistake should be made.
 1. She was so sweet and charming and tender
 2. He was wondering about our trip planned for the next day
 3. Mrs. Reeves was so fat and tall
 4. The decision to make was extremely important
3. The streets were dirty. _____ and though the sun was shining since morning it couldn't dry all the water.
 1. The weather was too hot for a long time.
 2. The accident with the water supply caused the lack of it everywhere
 3. It had been raining cats and dogs all night long
 4. The cars were driving too fast.
4. Bill was still sitting on the veranda smoking a pipe. He was thinking about Nancy who was always in his mind for the last five years. He was waiting for her. And though _____ the smallest hope was always left in his heart and soul.
 1. she was unlikely to come
 2. he saw her come slowly
 3. the weather in autumn always made him sad
 4. bad news travels fast
5. The smaller of the sisters was Jane, a girl who liked to sit in the arm-chair with a book all day long and none could persuade her to go out into the yard to play or to do anything about the house. Even _____ could do nothing about it.
 1. the second sister
 2. all the sisters together
 3. her great love for the birds and animals
 4. father's staying so late in the lounge
6. "Don't shoot!" cried the man and showed that he was unarmed. _____, but began to approached him slowly.
 1. It was the question of whether to be shot or stay alive
 2. The Colonel was still holding the gun
 3. The situation seemed to be completely under control.
 4. The lack of courage was now the most urgent thing.

Part 2. Read the text and choose the best answer or the end of the sentence.

Elizabeth Blackwell was born in England in 1821, and emigrated to New York City when she was ten years old. One day she decided that she wanted to become a doctor. That was nearly impossible for a woman in the middle of the nineteenth century. After writing many letters seeking admission to medical schools, she was finally accepted by a doctor in Philadelphia. So determined was she, that she taught at school and gave music lessons to earn money for her tuition.

In 1849, after graduation from medical school, she decided to further her education in Paris. She wanted to be a surgeon, but a serious eye infection forced her to abandon the idea.

Upon returning to the United States, she found it difficult to start her own practice because she was a woman. By 1857 Elizabeth and her sister, also a doctor, along with another female doctor, managed to open a new hospital, the first for women and children. Besides being the first female physician and founding her own hospital, she also established the first medical school for women.

7. . Why couldn't Elizabeth Blackwell realize her dream of becoming a surgeon?
 1. She couldn't get admitted to medical school.
 2. She decided to further her education in Paris.
 3. A serious eye infection halted her quest
 4. It was difficult for her to start a practice in the United States.
8. What main obstacle almost destroyed Elizabeth's chances for becoming a doctor?
 1. She was a woman.
 2. She wrote too many letters
 3. She couldn't graduate from medical school.
 4. She couldn't establish her hospital.
9. How many years elapsed between her graduation from medical school and the opening of her hospital?
 1. 8
 2. 10
 3. 19
 4. 36
10. All of the following are "firsts" in the life of Elizabeth Blackwell, except _____.
 1. she became the first female physician
 2. she was the first woman surgeon
 3. she and several other women founded the first hospital for women and children
 4. she established the first medical school for women