

Read the text and answer the questions.

For each question (7 – 13), choose the correct answer A, B or C.

### **My Friend's Career**

My name is Meera. Sidra was my classmate and is one of my closest friends. We have known each other since we were six. We went to school together and, even then, she was good at Maths and Science. Her mother was a businesswoman and had a small boutique in the mall. It was always full of high-end clothes and elegant customers. I liked this place, but Sidra didn't as she wasn't interested in doing the same job as her mother.

When we were in grade 11, we both started thinking about our futures. My aunt worked for a charity and I had once worked with her for two weeks. So I asked my aunt to help Sidra find work. She helped her to become a volunteer in elderly care. This was her first work experience. When she finished that, she said it was quite difficult, as she had to work most evenings. Still, she knew she should be helpful, so she worked very hard.

In grade 12, we attended a weekend course about eco-living in Abu Dhabi. It was absolutely fantastic. It explained in an interesting and easy way what renewable energy is and why climate change is difficult to stop. We even thought it would be fun to study environment science, but we changed our minds. We both decided we would like to work in healthcare, so, when we finished school, we went to college. Sidra was a great student and she helped me a lot in our first year. She helped me with Science in our free time, and she was very good at it. I told her she should be a teacher.

Sidra, however, has made a different decision. She left college because she wanted to start a business supplying work clothes to healthcare workers. Two months ago, she set up her own online company. The change has been challenging but she believes her start-up will soon grow. I am sure that, if she continues working hard, she will become a very successful businesswoman.

7. Who didn't want to own a boutique?
- A Meera
  - B Sidra
  - C Sidra's mother
8. When did Meera work with her aunt?
- A Before grade 11
  - B In grade 11
  - C After grade 11
9. Sidra worked hard as a volunteer because she \_\_\_\_\_.
- A wanted to finish work early
  - B really enjoyed this work
  - C wanted to help others
10. Meera thought that the course in Abu Dhabi was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A sometimes boring
  - B too difficult
  - C really good
11. Meera and Sidra went to college because they wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A learn how to help sick people
  - B have a good lifestyle
  - C study together
12. Sidra is now \_\_\_\_\_.
- A a student
  - B making clothes
  - C an entrepreneur
13. Meera says that her friend \_\_\_\_\_.
- A is successful now
  - B can be successful in the future
  - C has been successful so far