

PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST - READING PART 4

For each question, choose the correct answer.

A new life

I used to work as a college lecturer in the north of England, running photography courses. It wasn't a bad job and I really liked my students, but I began to feel tired of doing the same thing every day. **16**

I'd always loved travelling, so one weekend I typed 'international volunteering' into an internet search engine. At the top of the results page was the opportunity to go and stay on an island in the Indian Ocean, thousands of miles away, and help to protect the beaches and the sea life. **17** I had some diving experience, and the more I talked about it, the more I wanted to do it. So I contacted the organisation. One week later they offered to send me to the island and I accepted. **18** After all, the volunteer job was only for two months during the summer holidays. I thought after I'd finished, I'd come home.

As soon as I got to the island, I was sure I'd done the right thing. My first dive was incredible. **19** I felt so lucky to be able to experience that every day.

In fact I loved it so much that I never came home! I've now been on the island for ten years and I have a permanent job. I'm working as a marine educator, teaching volunteers about the sea life and taking them snorkelling and diving. My desk is a picnic table 10 metres from the best beach on the island. Of course not everything about my new life is perfect. **20** However, I can't imagine going back to my old life.

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- A** . That's why I knew it was a terrible plan.
- B** . I had trained in icy water in the UK so the crystal clear warm water felt amazing.
- C** . They always ask lots of questions.
- D** . I work far harder than I used to.
- E** . I began joking to friends about sending in an application.
- F** . Afterwards, some people were surprised by my decision but I wasn't too worried.
- G** . I decided I needed a break.
- H** . I needed to explain that first.

PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST - READING PART 5

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Modigliani – an Italian artist

Nowadays cards and posters of pictures by Amedeo Modigliani are popular with people all **21** the world, but the artist himself did not have an easy life. He was born in Livorno, Italy, in 1884. His father was a businessman who did not make **22** money, and his mother ran a school.

Modigliani went to art school in Florence and Venice, before moving to Paris **23** he painted and made sculptures. His work was influenced by art from Africa which he saw in museums. He was very poor and not very strong, and after a **24** years he gave up making sculptures. He painted people in a gentle, thoughtful style.

Many of his most beautiful paintings **25** Jeanne, the woman he loved. Often the people in his paintings look sad or tired. Perhaps Modigliani was painting his own feelings. Although in the end he began to **26** a little money, he was never very successful in his lifetime.

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| 21 | A. over | B. on | C. through | D. along |
| 22 | A. many | B. much | C. lot | D. very |
| 23 | A. that | B. which | C. when | D. where |
| 24 | A. few | B. several | C. short | D. number |
| 25 | A. see | B. give | C. show | D. realise |
| 26 | A. earn | B. take | C. bring | D. win |

PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST - READING PART 6

For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

Home Changes

Dear Will,

I hope you are well. So, I have finally returned to Thailand after three years away in the UK. It is amazing to be back in Bangkok after **27** long. I have really missed the place. The traffic is still pretty bad, but they **28** improved the subway system. So, it's easier to get around.

Last night, I went out to a nightclub **29** my friends. The music was better than it used to be. It was a great night out. My parents sold their house, so we are outside the city. It is quieter at night **30** before, and it is only a two-minute walk to the subway.

I am staying here **31** a month and then going to Japan for a year to work as an English Teacher. I hope you can make **32** to Bangkok one day.

All the best,

Harry