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A TRIP TO JAKARTA

Tim goes on a trip to Jakarta. He hears about Karen's trip years ago and the advice she gives him. Are the following sentences true or false?

a) Karen went to Jakarta on vacation. ___

b) Karen went from the airport to the city center by rickshaw. ___

c) It was Karen's first time going somewhere completely different. ___

d) Karen's flight was pretty bad. There was a long delay and a lot of turbulence. ___

e) Karen wrote a blog with all her memories during her time in Jakarta. ___

Then fill in the blanks with the information requested.

a) Tim will get a _____ from the airport to the hostel. Anyways, if you want to save money you can catch a _____ .

b) The first thing her aunt saw when she arrived in Jakarta was a _____ _____ . It was _____ and _____ than the ones in her country.

c) There was also a huge _____ , which is quite often in spring. In the spring the _____ _____ takes place..

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Tim: So, when I get to Jakarta, what should I do?
Karen: I'm not really sure. I mean, I left Indonesia about ten years ago and … well … it's probably all changed now.
Tim: So, yeah, I think we'll just get a taxi from the airport to the hostel.
Karen: You could, but if you want to save money, I think there's probably a bus service.
Tim: I suppose so. Is that what you did?
Karen: Well, I was going to Jakarta to work, so someone met us with a car and drove us into the centre of town.
Tim: So what was it like when you arrived?
Karen: It's something I'll never forget. You know, this was the first time I went somewhere that was completely different, the other side of the world. I remember we had a pretty bad flight, there was a long delay at the airport because there was something wrong with the plane. And we had quite a lot of turbulence - and as we were landing I remember thinking 'Is this all a big mistake?'. But no … as soon as we got off the plane and I felt how lovely and warm it was, I began to feel much happier. I loved it there, I'm sure you will too.
Tim: And, so, once you were away from the airport, what did you see?
Karen: Well, the first thing I saw was a traffic jam!
Tim: Oh no.
Karen: Yes, and a traffic jam that was much noisier and longer than in this country. And a storm!
Tim: Oh no! Really?
Karen: Yes, quite often in the spring, the rainy season, there's suddenly a storm with heavy rain and lightning. And you just have to run for the nearest building! For me, it was exciting though. I expect you'll love it, too.
Tim: You must have so many memories of your time there.
Karen: Yeah … yeah I do.
Tim: Did you write them down? You know, do a blog or something.
Karen: No … I didn't have an internet connection in my apartment.
Tim: Or a diary or something like that?
Karen: No, I never did.
Tim: That's a pity. But you seem to remember it pretty well!

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ARE EXAMS NECESSARY?

Listen. Listen to three people talk about the necessity of exams. Cross (✘) each opinion with a person. There are two opinions for each person, and there is one extra opinion that none of the speakers talks about.

	No one	Ava	Olivia	Noah
Still takes exams as a way to measure progress in his/her new interests				
Doing well in exams doesn't give you useful workplace skills				
Exams can test many different skills if they are well-designed				
Doing exams has had an impact on his/her personality:				
People would learn better if they could study what they liked				
Without exams, people would not be motivated to learn				
Passing an exam was necessary to get his/her current job				

Now, listen again. Are the following sentences true or false?

a) Noah believes that the skills required for most jobs, such as good people skills and creativity, cannot be assessed through exams. ___
b) Olivia feels that her excellent exam performance in school has always translated into success in her professional career. ___
c) Ava believes that exams only test a person's ability to memorize information and recall it. ___
d) According to Noah, some individuals with impressive postgraduate qualifications perform exceptionally well in their jobs. ___
e) Olivia admits that she has seen substantial financial benefits from excelling in exams throughout her career. ___
f) Ava believes that multiple-choice exams effectively evaluate skills such as analytical ability, logic, and application of knowledge. ___

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Noah: It's been five years since I sat my University finals and I still have nightmares about turning over a test paper and not knowing the answers. It was the most stressful experience of my life. After that I promised I'd never do an exam again and I haven't. I'll admit that passing those exams helped me land a decent job, but I have never needed to use any of the information I learned while working here. Employers seem to think that by hiring someone with a high level qualification they are getting a better worker but um that's not strictly true either. Some people at my workplace have amazing grades in their postgraduate qualifications but they are no better at their job than anyone else. Actually some of them are awful to work with. People can be trained to do most jobs, and the skills you need like having good people skills, being creative, and being able to respond effectively to different situations just can't be tested in exams.

Olivia: When I was in school I was always at the top of the class and aced my exams. My teachers loved me and my classmates' parents wished their kids were more like me. My classmates hated me of course but that didn't bother me to be honest. Doing well in exams gave me confidence and a sense of pride, although I confess I also felt I was better than everyone
else which I now realize is not true. I simply have a better aptitude for that way of learning I suppose. Now I work with people whose grades aren't even close to mine and they do better than me in the office. You would think that would make me upset but that's not true although I haven't seen any real financial benefit from taking exams they have made me a disciplined person who values knowledge and I still take them now for the hobbies I do in my spare time- I think they are a valuable way to reflect on my progress and how well I'm doing.

Ava: Many people think that exams don't test anything except your ability to take exams; you know how well you can memorize and recall information. They think that students would learn better by doing projects based on their own interests, where what they learn isn't limited by an exam syllabus. Well that method might work for a few people but in my view most people don't have enough motivation, whereas an exam serves as a clear objective for students. Plus I personally think exams test all sorts of skills besides just your ability to remember stuff like your thought processes, analytical ability, logic, intelligence and your application of knowledge. Honestly I wouldn't want anyone in a powerful position of responsibility who hadn't proved they had those skills, so in that sense exams are essential. Of course the design of the paper is critical: a multiple choice paper isn't going to test those sorts of things.

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BORDER COLLIE

You're going to hear a short talk about a type of dog. You will hear the talk twice. Fill in the gaps with the missing information.

Place of origin: the border between _____ and _____
Personality: _____ and intelligence
Ability: compete in dog _____
Size: _____
Colour: _____ and _____
Farm work: managing _____ because they are _____ and more reliable.

SCRIPT

The Border Collie is a working and herding dog breed originally developed in Scotland, more specifically on the border between Scotland and England, which is where the name comes from.

It is known for its obedience and intelligence in its personality, and because they are so intelligent, they often compete in dog sports.

In general, border collies are medium-sized dogs and black and white is the most common colour pattern.

Because of their demanding personality, they can be unhappy in homes that do not give them a lot of stimulation, so they are sometimes not the ideal pet for your typical family.

However, the use of border collies for managing sheep still makes good economic sense for many farmers. They're cheaper and more reliable than hiring people or using machines. So this dog continues to have an important function in modern society.

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