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PART 1

READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

What's it worth?

What would you say is the job with the best salary? Of course, we all know that actors and sports stars can earn enormous sums of money, so let's consider instead those careers which are a bit more usual in everyday life. One recent study in the United Kingdom showed that airline pilots are among the highest paid people in the country. People typically think that a pilot's job is one of the best in the world as it offers opportunities both to see the world and to earn good money. That can be true, especially for pilots with many years of service on long-haul flights. However, it's a different story for the flight attendants, who earn far less than those who actually fly the planes.

Another well-paid job is that of a doctor. Studying and training for at least seven years at university is not cheap, however, and just like pilots, doctors are responsible for looking after people, in some ways. That's why those heading for the top of the medical profession or aviation industry can look forward to earning some of the highest salaries in the country.

However, we can't all be doctors and pilots, can we? There will always be people who earn much less than others. Some of the lowest-paid jobs are often the ones working with customers in restaurants and bars. Hairdressers and sales assistants in supermarkets are often paid a minimum salary. However, one advantage for waiters is that customers can leave tips, and that can make a big difference. More experienced hairdressers also receive tips in some countries.

Talking to a couple of my friends who work in supermarkets, I realized that money isn't always the most important issue when choosing a job. Both of them are parents with young children, and they enjoy being able to choose their working hours, despite the fact that they realize they could earn more in an office, for example. They also feel less stressed than they would in a job with more responsibility, and they are satisfied where they are.

It's certainly true that different people earn very different salaries, but maybe money isn't everything.

- 1- Read the text. Are the sentences true (T), false (F), or is there not enough information to decide (N)?
Write T, F or N in the box.

10 X 1 = 10 MARKS

- 1 The writer thinks that sports stars and actors earn too much money compared with the salaries of everyday jobs.
- 2 The research is quite new.
- 3 There are two main advantages to being a pilot.
- 4 Both pilots and doctors think their job is rewarding.
- 5 The writer believes doctors and pilots share a similar responsibility.
- 6 The writer believes that pilots and doctors should be paid the same.
- 7 The research shows that people usually earn a good salary from being a hairdresser.
- 8 Waiters can earn extra money.
- 9 The writer's friends know that their jobs are less well paid than others.
- 10 The writer's friends are going to look for better-paid jobs.

- 2- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets

15 X 0.6 = 10 MARKS

How cinemas have changed in 100 years

People ¹ _____ (go) to see films at cinemas now for over a hundred years. When the first cinemas ² _____ (build) in the early 1900s, they were places where a small audience ³ _____ (can) watch short, black-and-white films. The first films were silent movies, with simple plots, and the actors ⁴ _____ (must) tell the story physically with their bodies. It wasn't until 1927 that people ⁵ _____ (can) hear an actor speaking in a film. A few years later, colour film ⁶ _____ (introduce). Now, directors could start making 'talkies', as well as films with more imaginative plots, setting them in more interesting places outside the film studios.

Today, more and more films ⁷ _____ (release) in more and more countries. A far more varied choice of films is on offer than ever before, and foreign language films with subtitles ⁸ _____ (become) more and more popular at the moment with people who would prefer ⁹ _____ (watch) a film in the original language. This is fantastic if you ¹⁰ _____ (want) to improve your language skills.

When I think back to all those silent films of the past, the ones which people always ¹¹ _____ (use to / watch) in black and white, I love to imagine what they would have looked like if they ¹² _____ (shoot) in colour and how the actors would have sounded. A lot ¹³ _____ (change) since the early cinemas, and with the speed of new technology in film-making, it's exciting ¹⁴ _____ (think) what cinemas ¹⁵ _____ (be) like in the future.

3- Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one. Use the words given in brackets.

8 X 1.25 = 10 MARKS

1 I've been to some beautiful places, but Rio de Janeiro is much more beautiful than all the others.

Rio de Janeiro is _____ beautiful place I've ever been to. (far)

2 I was in an exercise class so that's why I couldn't answer the phone.

I _____ the phone if I hadn't been in an exercise class. (answered)

3 Sorry, but dogs aren't allowed in the gallery.

I'm sorry, but _____ your dog into the gallery. (bring)

4 I said to her, 'I'll give you the money for the new bike if you pay me back.'

I said I _____ her the money for the new bike. (lend)

5 You haven't eaten much all day. I'm sure you're hungry.

_____ because you haven't eaten much all day. (must)

6 They're still waiting for the plane to leave.

The plane _____ yet so they're still waiting. (off)

7 I hear that John lives in Buenos Aires. I want to visit him, but I don't think it's possible.

If I had the chance, I _____ visit John in Buenos Aires. (love)

8 I've arranged to visit an old friend sometime in the summer.

I _____ an old friend this summer. (see)

4- Complete the text with the words in the box. There are five words that you do not need to use.

15 X 0.6 =10 MARKS

a achievement actually advantage after argument as car doing fascinating full-time
just look forward luckily making motor ones rewarding sociable unfortunately

From the classroom to the workplace

Everyone who goes to school gets something different out of it. I hadn't expected to enjoy school, but 1 _____ for me, I was very 2 _____ so it was easy to make friends. It was the place where I first discovered French and German. I used to 3 _____ to every class and I knew that if I kept 4 _____ my homework and working hard, one day I'd find 5 _____ job using my languages, and that's 6 _____ what happened. I now work at a school as a French teacher. The salary isn't great, but the job is very 7 _____.

However, one of my friends from school hated languages. 8 _____, she was more interested in Science, especially Biology. I thought our Science classes were quite boring, but she found them 9 _____. She was the type of teenager whose hobby was to learn the names of plants and flowers, including 10 _____ I had never even heard of! Surprisingly, she then went on to study engineering at university and now works for a company involved in Formula 1. She doesn't drive herself, but she travels to all the famous 11 _____ racing circuits around the world.

The main 12 _____ of my school was that on Wednesday afternoons, we were offered a choice of extra subjects to study, such as personal and social skills. Another friend of mine went on to study politics and sociology at university 13 _____. he'd always been interested in social issues. 14 _____ finishing his degree, he got an amazing job working for a famous politician. He says it's been the biggest 15 _____ of his life so far.

I think it's interesting that we all went to the same school, but have totally different careers now.

PART 2

LISTENING

5- Listen to part of a podcast. Choose the correct options to complete the key points that are mentioned.

- 1  Listen to a man talking about sport. Why does he think athletes are faster now than they were in the past? Tick (✓) the reasons he mentions.

- 1 athletes are training in a smarter way
- 2 athletes eat a more balanced diet
- 3 athletes have more experienced coaches
- 4 athletes' body shapes have changed
- 5 athletes use better equipment
- 6 athletes are braver than they used to be

6 X 1.66 =10 MARKS

- 2  Listen to a man talking about sport. Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 In _____, Roger Bannister ran a mile in just under four minutes.
 - a 1944
 - b 1954
 - c 1955
- 2 Roger Bannister trained for _____ each day.
 - a less than an hour
 - b more than an hour
 - c four to five hours
- 3 _____ of players in the NBA are over seven feet tall.
 - a 1%
 - b 10%
 - c 20%
- 4 The American gymnast Simone Biles is _____ cm tall.
 - a 160
 - b 145
 - c 142
- 5 Hicham El Guerrouj is _____ Michael Phelps.
 - a taller than
 - b shorter than
 - c the same height as
- 6 Hicham El Guerrouj set a new world record in _____.
 - a 1990
 - b 1995
 - c 1999

6 X 1.66 = 10 MARKS

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Listen to a man talking about sport. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Roger Bannister studied to become a doctor. _____
- 2 Coaches used to believe that tall people were the best athletes. _____
- 3 Gymnasts were taller in the past than they are now. _____
- 4 To be a good swimmer, you need to have long legs. _____
- 5 Roger Bannister ran on a track made from pieces of wood. _____
- 6 In the past, skis were made from plastic and metal. _____

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PART 3

WRITING

- Choose ONE of the following options. 30 MARKS

Write ten sentences for a for-and-against essay on one of these topics: 'The government should put a tax on unhealthy foods.' OR 'Using plastic bags is a crime – people who use them should pay large fines.'

- Write two sentences for your introduction.
- Write three sentences which argue for the topic.
- Write three sentences which argue against the topic.
- Write two sentences for your conclusion.
- Include at least two topic sentences and use examples to support your arguments.

Write a description of a film or TV programme you watched recently. Write about 130 words.

- What type of film/TV programme was it?
- Which actors were in it?
- What happened in the film/TV programme?
- Did you enjoy it? Why/Why not?