

Reading – 7A: Do you want to practise For five hours or six?

A. VOCABULARY: Choose the best answer for each definition.

1. Many Chinese children are maths and musical **prodigies**.
 - a. exceptionally smart people
 - b. extremely hard-working people
 - c. very busy people
2. It is a book which caused great **controversy** among parents.
 - a. agreement
 - b. disagreement
 - c. bias
3. When their two daughters were born, she was **determined** that they would be as successful as she was.
 - a. having no purpose
 - b. having a clear/strong decision
 - c. having no clues
4. Playing with friends and watching TV was **forbidden**.
 - a. not encouraged
 - b. not allowed
 - c. not suggested
5. Music was **compulsory**.
 - a. Optional, can choose to do it or not
 - b. bad
 - c. necessary, must do it
6. Sophia and Lulu were **outstanding pupils** and musical prodigies.
 - a. stubborn daughters
 - b. great friends
 - c. excellent students
7. It seems that Sophia and Lulu could have **excelled in** anything.
 - a. been bad at
 - b. been good at
 - c. been happy
8. Lulu had always **rebelled** the most. She refused to co-operate at all.
 - a. obeyed
 - b. complained
 - c. disobeyed (refuse to do something)
9. Lulu immediately gave up violin lessons and **took up** tennis.
 - a. Became interested in
 - b. gave up
 - c. looked up
10. The girls do not seem to **resent** their mother.
 - a. love
 - b. refuse
 - c. hate

B. READING: Write down T for True, F for False or DS for Doesn't Say next to the sentences below.

1. ____ Chinese children are also physic geniuses.
2. ____ Every parent agrees with what Amy Chua wrote in her book.
3. ____ Amy Chua and her husband came from Harvard University.
4. ____ She wanted to make her children become successful like her.
5. ____ One of her rules of raising her children was that they had to be the best in every subject including gym.
6. ____ Her daughters weren't allowed to go out with friends, watch TV.
7. ____ Her strict system didn't work at all.
8. ____ When they were around 10, Sophia was a pianist, while Lulu was a violinist.
9. ____ Before 13, Lulu had never rebelled at all.
10. ____ The girls now hate their mother.

C. READING: Read the text and answer the questions below.

1. What did Chua decide to do after having a lot of arguments with Lulu?

2. Why did she send her daughter into the garden?

3. How did the girls feel toward their mother?

4. What are Sophia and Lulu doing now?

5. Why does Chua not sure if her parenting system could be applied to boys?
