

TEST 7

READING

Task 1

Read the text below. Match choices (A-G) to (1-5). There are two choices you do not need to use.

ARE SCHOOL DAYS THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE?

1. Ron Parks: 'School? It's a waste of time mostly – at least for me. The biggest problem at school is the teachers. Most of them are bored with their jobs, so they're boring in their classes. If I had listened to my teachers I would know all about Shakespeare and what day the Civil War started and how to prove the Pythagorean Theorem and all that junk. But I wouldn't know anything how to make a business deal or anything that's really important.'
2. Anne Potts: 'I loved school. All my teachers were wonderful: I learned something special from each one. I was a straight A student almost every year, but I didn't spend all my time studying. I participated in many extra-curricular activities and sports too. I was always sorry when summer vacation started – three months with no school!'
3. Craig Estrella: 'I went to a prep school in Connecticut and it wasn't easy for me to study there. We had to study very hard, and a lot was expected of us. The thing I remember most is the friendships. The friends I made then are still my friends today.'
4. Barbara Hamlin: 'I went to a big public high school in the Midwest. We lived in a well-to-do suburb, so the school was pretty good academically. I'm sorry I didn't take much advantage of it. I wish my parents had let me take more science and math subjects. I thought then they were right and I was wrong, so I majored in literature. It was so boring!'
5. Coleen Wilson: 'School was just another part of neighbourhood life. My brothers and sisters and I went to a parochial elementary school three blocks from home. Later we had to take a bus to the public high school. And then we all went to a little community college. The thing I remember most is a constant changing of schools and colleges and a boring atmosphere practically in all of them. I didn't remember any friends from my school years and it is very bad.'

What personality traits correspond to each school-leaver?

- A idle and haughty
- B active and generous
- C bright in studying and very sporty
- D shy and irresolute
- E hard-working and very sociable
- F popular and fun-loving
- G bored and unsociable

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Task 2

Read the text below. For assignments (6–10) choose the correct answer (A, B, C, D).

CORRUPTION

Sharon had marched up to my desk, obviously furious, and demanded 'a word outside'. At that moment I was just curious to find out what had bothered her so much. I followed her outside. 'I've just paid a little visit to our old friend Fat Micky,' she said, 'to put some pressure on him about last year's Renfrew robbery, and he says you took some cash to 'lose' some evidence. Well?'

If I'd known what was coming, I could have reacted better, but I'd been caught completely off guard and I knew it showed. 'It's a lie,' I said, as coolly as I could. 'He's a criminal and will say anything.' I hoped I sounded convincing but she was looking straight at me with her sharp blue eyes and I felt like a schoolboy in trouble with the headmaster. I leaned back against the wall trying to

look like I didn't have a care in the world, despite the fact that I was having difficulty breathing and I could feel the beads of sweat gathering on my forehead.

Sharon was a woman I'd always admired. A tough detective and a very good one, too. It wasn't easy for a woman to make it as a detective and earn the respect of all her colleagues. But it hadn't been easy for me either, a boy from the poorest area in Glasgow. I was a good detective, one of the best, in fact, and I'd only ever made one mistake — taking money from Micky. It had been just after I had split up with my wife and I was badly in debt. I had never done anything like it before and I never intended to do it again.

Now, as Sharon confronted me, I felt small, ugly and very guilty. I also felt annoyed with her at that moment. What made her so perfect? Had she never put a foot wrong anywhere? Ever? My mind raced as I tried to decide what to do. Should I tell the truth, explain what had happened and hope she'd take my side? Or should I just brush off the accusation and pray she didn't tell anyone? I had no idea if this conversation could finish off my promising career as a police officer or not.

At the end of the day it would all come down to my word against Micky's and he was just a cheap criminal. But I didn't want people whispering behind my back, wondering if it were true, whether I really was a corrupt officer of the law. If word got out, this would always be on my record. Once your superiors had lost confidence in you it was almost impossible to get it back and I didn't want to lose my chance of further promotion. I'd already made it to detective inspector and I saw no reason why I couldn't go higher. Except now there was Micky's betrayal casting a dark shadow over my dreams.

I shrugged my shoulders and attempted a cheeky grin at Sharon. 'You're the last person I expected to believe Micky. I should be offended,' I said. She laughed, but it was an empty laugh and it didn't reach her cold eyes. 'I didn't believe him. Until now, that is. It's a shame really, because you were always the one person in the station that I looked up to. I thought you were very honest and I've just lost a little more faith in humanity,' she said. 'But don't worry, your dirty little secret is safe with me.'

As I watched her turn around and go back into the station, I finally managed to take a deep breath. Of course, I was very relieved that she wouldn't talk and I trusted her because I knew that, unlike me, she really was an honest person. But her words had affected me deeply. I had lost her respect forever. I would be able to hold my head high with everyone in the station, apart from her. Even if I ever did manage to get the promotion I longed for, there would always be one person who knew I didn't deserve it.

6. Sharon was angry because ...
- A Fat Micky was threatening her.
 - B she found out the writer had put her in danger.
 - C she thought the writer may have harmed the case.
 - D she had been tricked by Fat Micky.
7. When the writer says 'I'd been caught completely off guard' in paragraph two, he means he ...
- A reacted wrongly.
 - B was seen doing wrong.
 - C wasn't feeling confident.
 - D was taken by surprise.
8. When Sharon made her accusation the writer ...
- A was afraid that he looked guilty.
 - B managed to persuade her that he was innocent.
 - C didn't try to defend himself.
 - D succeeded in staying calm.
9. In the third paragraph, the writer implies that his mistake ...
- A was Sharon's fault.
 - B should be forgiven.
 - C hadn't hurt anyone.
 - D ended his marriage.
10. The writer was worried that ...
- A he would lose his job.
 - B his colleagues would lose their trust in him.
 - C Micky would try to hurt him.
 - D Sharon's career would be affected.

Task 3

Read the text below. Match choices (A-H) to (11-16). There are two choices you do not need to use.

EDUCATIONAL TOUR AGENCIES

11 _____

Equity Travel School Tour has been arranging educational tours since 1991 and Directors and Managers have many years' experience in school travel, making us true specialists in the field.

12 _____

Youth and School Group Travel Agency knows and understands special requirements of schools and youth organizations and can meet your needs. You will receive a high-quality educational tour, with unrivalled personal service and excellent value for money.

13 _____

Educational Tours Agency organizes tours to a wide range of countries in Europe, and also offers tours in the USA, South Africa, and other parts of the world. All the tours have educational value and many have been specifically designed to comply with the requirements of the UK National Curriculum.

14 _____

Study Tours Group offers history tours, geography tours, language courses and cookery courses, which are available in the study tours programme, specially designed for school groups.

15 _____

World Wide Travel Agency offers special educational tours to United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. You will have a unique possibility to get acquainted with nature, culture and language of this country.

16 _____

With over 60 years of combined experience, Earnest Educational Tours offers a wide range of travel and tourism related services targeting the dynamic educators. It focuses on providing exceptional experiences, self-confidence and independence to the students and teachers around the world.

Which travel agency _____?

A organizes tours to a wide range of countries in Europe?

B offers tours to Niagara Falls?

C offers language and cookery courses?

D focuses on providing exceptional experiences to students and teachers?

E offers a high-quality educational tour?

F looks forward to opening a new tour?

G has been arranging educational tours since 1991?

H offers special tours to Great Britain?

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Task 4

Read the text below. Choose from (A-H) the one which best fits each space (17-22). There are two choices you do not need to use.

THE CIRCULATION OF THE BLOOD

William Harvey (1578-1657) undertook (17) _____ into the circulation of the blood and the function of the heart. He dispelled the contemporary belief that blood was propelled through the body by a pulsing action in the arteries; instead, he argued, the heart was at the centre of the (18) _____

While at the University of Padua in Italy, Harvey (19) _____ by the scientist and surgeon Hieronymus Fabricius. Fabricius recognised that the veins in the human body had one-way valves, but was puzzled as to what their function could be. It was Harvey who went on to (20) _____. In 1628, he published his findings in a book (21) _____ An Anatomical Study of the Motion of the

Heart and of the Blood in Animals. His discovery was received with great interest and accepted in England at once, although it was greeted with some scepticism on the Continent.

Apart from offering insight into the function of the heart, Harvey's work also debunked misconceptions about the role of the liver, the brain and the blood itself. His discovery left scientists with (22) _____ but to reconsider the vast majority of medical theories which were up until then accepted, and to place medicine on a new footing. In effect, it was the beginning of modern medicine.

- A circulatory system
- B solve the riddle
- C groundbreaking research
- D receives credit
- E was tutored
- F search for
- G entitled
- H no choice

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USE OF ENGLISH

Task 5

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (23–27) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

WHAT IS HEALTHY FOOD? (Part 1)

We all know that eating too much junk food is bad for our health, but did you know that eating some kinds of health foods could be just as bad for you?

Michel Simon, who (23) _____ the Centre for Informed Food Choices in the USA, says there are sugary sports drinks that are as unhealthy as cola. 'These drinks may be (24) _____ for marathon runners, but for kids doing ordinary exercise, they may end up doing more (25) _____ than good.'

Breakfast cereals, which of course are very (26) _____ with kids, have also been criticized. Whilst they are often high in fibre, some of them (27) _____ a lot more sugar and salt than you would expect.

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| 23 | A arranged | B invented | C constructed | D founded |
| 24 | A precious | B worthy | C beneficial | D valuable |
| 25 | A loss | B injury | C harm | D damage |
| 26 | A common | B known | C popular | D famous |
| 27 | A involve | B contain | C consist | D include |

Task 6

Read and complete the text below. For each of the empty space (28–32) choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

WHAT IS HEALTHY FOOD? (Part 2)

In addition, some of the foods we have (28) _____ to know as 'health snacks' have also been _____ added _____ to _____ the _____ black (29) _____. Although they look and sound nutritious, in most (30) _____ they are much tastier than they are healthy for you. For example, some types of dried fruit were (31) _____ to have more fat and sugar than the fruit they were (32) _____ from.

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| 28 | A come | B started | C brought | D arrived |
| 29 | A guide | B account | C column | D list |
| 30 | A cases | B purposes | C occasions | D situations |
| 31 | A searched | B found | C discovered | D realized |
| 32 | A produced | B created | C formed | D developed |