The Old Colonel

READING COMPREHENSION



I think I **have had** a very interesting life. I'm 73 now and I don't work anymore. I was in the army for 51 years. I retired when I was 69. I **have been** to so many countries that I can't remember all of them. I**'ve been** to Australia six or seven times and to South Africa three times. I **have also been** once to Russia but I didn't like it at all: much too cold for me!

They say that love is the greatest thing and I agree. I**'ve been married** four times but never for more than five years. I don't think women really understand me!

I**'ve never been** on television, but I**'ve been** on the radio once. It was a programme about life in the military about twenty years ago. I met the Prime Minister on the same day. Actually, I**'ve met** a lot of famous people: members of the royal family, famous politicians and also famous cinema and television personalities. I**'ve never met** the American President though which is a pity.

Because I**'ve travelled** a lot, I**'ve seen** a lot of wonderful things and **have also eaten** and drunk some strange foods and drinks. I ate cats and rats in India and drank something called Mirto on a little island in Italy many years ago.

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Choose the best answer:

1. The colonel is...years old.
a) seventy-one b)seventy -three c) seventy-five

2. He worked in the army for ...
a) fifty-one years b) fifty - six years c) sixty-one years

3. He has been to Australia
a) many times b) five times c) more than five times

4. He has been to Russia
a) one time b) once c) once time

5. He didn't like Russia because...
a)it's big. b)it's not cold c) it's cold

6. He has had ..... wives.
a) four b) five c) six

7. He has been on television...
a) many times b)once c)never

8. He has been on radio programme about
A) his wives b)his work c) his television

9. He has met the Prime Minister many times.
a)Yes. b) No. c)I don't know.

10. He has met the American President many times.
a)Yes. b)No. c) I don't know.

11. He has never eaten cats and rats.
a)Yes. b)No. c) I don't know.

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