

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. *** Your answers should be "**T, F, DS**"

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.