

COMMITTEE EXAM 09.03.2021

Maximum points 20/ points achieved.....

1. ČÁST

ÚLOHY 1 – 15 (max 15 points)

Přečtěte si krátký příběh o Hetty Greenové. Na základě textu **vyberte** k úlohám 1–15 vždy jednu správnou odpověď **A–C**.

The Story of Hetty Green

At the end of the 19th century in New York, an old woman was often seen walking up and down Wall Street. Her old black dress was dirty and she always walked alone carrying a bag with lunch inside. She was (1) _____ a familiar sight that everybody called her “The Witch of Wall Street.” Her name was Hetty Green, and you wouldn’t believe that she was a millionaire.

Hetty was born into a rich family (2) _____ 21st November 1834. She was an only child, and because her mother was too ill to raise her, her father and grandfather (3) _____ care of Hetty. They taught her to understand money from a young age. They also read financial reports to her while (4) _____ parents read bedtime stories to their children.

When Hetty grew up, she became a financier. Although her writing contained (5) _____ spelling mistakes, she definitely understood numbers. More importantly, she knew (6) _____ to make money. She bought and sold railroads and gave loans.

Hetty believed that all men were only interested (7) _____ her money. She was 33 when she met Edward Green, who decided (8) _____ her not just for her money. After their wedding, they moved into a small house and had two children, Ned and Sylvia. Unfortunately, Edward wasn’t as good with money (9) _____ Hetty, so she did everything she could to keep their finances separate. In the end, Edward moved out of the house and Hetty didn’t even want to look after him (10) _____ the last months of his life.

Their two children lived a poor existence with their mother and they both (11) _____ old dirty clothes because Hetty didn’t want to buy them new ones. Sylvia had very few friends and Ned’s life wasn’t easy either. One day, when he (12) _____ the street, he was hit by a horse. The accident left him in need of medical help. But Hetty (13) _____ to take him to hospital because she didn’t want to pay for the medical care there. Although she thought his leg would get better by itself, it got worse and in the end it had to be amputated.

When Hetty died in 1916, she was (14) _____ than anybody else in the USA. She left her millions to her children who each chose different ways (15) _____ spending the money. Sylvia made few changes in her life, but Ned started spending the money. But he died soon after, leaving the rest of his money to Sylvia, who decided to give all of it to charity.

1. ČAST**ÚLOHY 1 - 15**

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| 1 | A) such | B) as | C) so |
| 2 | A) on | B) in | C) at |
| 3 | A) gave | B) took | C) had |
| 4 | A) another | B) others | C) other |
| 5 | A) a lot of | B) much | C) plenty |
| 6 | A) which | B) what | C) how |
| 7 | A) of | B) in | C) about |
| 8 | A) marry | B) marrying | C) to marry |
| 9 | A) like | B) as | C) so |
| 10 | A) on | B) during | C) at |
| 11 | A) put | B) dressed | C) wore |
| 12 | A) wascrossing | B) wascrossed | C) hascrossed |
| 13 | A) supposed | B) afforded | C) refused |
| 14 | A) rich | B) richer | C) the richest |
| 15 | A) in | B) to | C) of |

ČTENÍ A JAZYKOVÁ KOMPETENCE

2. ČÁST

ÚLOHY 16 - 20

Přečtěte si článek o manželském páru, který se vydal procestovat svět. Na základě informací v textu **vyberte** k úlohám **16 – 20** vždy jednu správnou odpověď **A–D**.

We Travel The World

It was late 2014 when our lives changed forever. Until then, my husband and I had lived a life that most people would like to live. We were both working in the Toronto film industry, had been happily married for 10 years and owned a beautiful house. Although our lives in the entertainment industry looked perfect, we didn't have time for anything else but work. We just lived to work.

The feeling that our lives were not what they could be first came in 2014 when we went to Thailand on our first holiday together. When we came back, we started thinking about working less and travelling more but we didn't have exact plans yet. Then one day later that year, after a long day at work, we switched on the TV and a documentary about a marathon runner was on. He had changed from a lazy guy to an extreme athlete. We asked ourselves: If he could do something extreme like that, why not us? Before the documentary was over, we knew we wanted to sell our house, say goodbye to our careers and spend our time travelling instead. Several weeks later, we landed in Cairo with two huge backpacks. They were the first things we bought with the money we got from selling our house. So there we were, in Cairo, ready to start the adventure of a lifetime.

After some time on the road, we started making videos about our new way of life. We didn't intend to make money from the videos, we kept posting them online because we hoped we would become motivation for others. Because we wanted as many people as possible to see the videos, we decided to make an advertisement on TV. We chose Sydney TV studios to do that since we knew some people in the Australian entertainment industry. The advert worked and soon we got over 500,000 viewers. They watched us visit famous places around the world and some actually started their own journeys around the world, while others asked us for advice via social media. Soon we became a well-known travelling couple although that was not why we were making the videos.

During the first year of our journey we visited most of the world's biggest cities. We had a great

time sightseeing but we also experienced some dangerous situations in crowded popular tourist sites in Caracas and Rio de Janeiro. So to avoid any dangerous destinations in the second year on the road, our plan was to continue off the beaten track. That's why we chose places where few tourists go. We decided to stay in South America and hike through the countryside of Uruguay and Paraguay, two of the safest South American countries. We walked 1500 km using the information in the guidebook we'd taken with us. We rarely saw a road or a railway on our journey but when we did, we stopped a car for a ride or got on a train.

We travel the world - and it's a dream to be doing this together. For this dream, we gave up our house and successful careers - these aren't easy things to give up. But we have never regretted doing it although I miss my bed sometimes, especially after many nights in a tent. Over the years we also lost contact with many friends from home. We've made wonderful new friendships around the world but we still regret losing contact with those at home. And although we began travelling late in our lives, we've never felt sorry for not travelling the world sooner.

So this is what we do now and we're happy. We hope we have more opportunities to share our experiences with the readers about the way we live.

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2. ČÁST

ÚLOHY 16–20

16. When did the couple decide to quit their jobs and travel the world?

- A) while staying in Cairo
- B) after selling their house
- C) during their holiday in Thailand
- D) while watching television one day

17. Why did the couple record their journey?

- a. They wanted to earn money.
- b. They wanted to inspire people.
- c. They wanted to become famous.
- d. They wanted to produce an advertisement.

18. What is the meaning of the phrase 'off the beaten track' in the 4th paragraph?

- a. through dangerous areas
- b. along countryside railways
- c. away from much-travelled sites
- d. without the help of any guidebooks

19. What does the couple feel sorry about according to the 5th paragraph?

They feel sorry that:

- a. they left their jobs.
- b. they sold their house.
- c. they started to travel too late.
- d. they lost contact with lots of friends.

20. What is the main purpose of the whole text?

- a. to tell readers about the couple's new lifestyle
- b. to encourage readers to go on longer holidays
- c. to advise readers how to make travelling videos
- d. to recommend that readers should visit South America