

## IELTS SCORE BOOSTER\_READING PRACTICE 6.2 (QUESTIONS)

### Why being bored is stimulating – and useful, too

You should spend about 20 minutes on **Questions 14-26** which are based on Reading Passage 2 below.

#### Questions 14-19

Reading Passage 2 has six paragraphs, **A-F**

Choose the correct heading for each paragraph from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, **i-viii**, in boxes **14-19** on your answer sheet.

List of Headings	
<b>i</b> The productive outcomes that may result from boredom	<b>14</b> Paragraph A .....
<b>ii</b> What teachers can do to prevent boredom	<b>15</b> Paragraph B .....
<b>iii</b> A new explanation and a new cure for boredom	<b>16</b> Paragraph C .....
<b>iv</b> Problems with a scientific approach to boredom	<b>17</b> Paragraph D .....
<b>v</b> A potential danger arising from boredom	<b>18</b> Paragraph E .....
<b>vi</b> Creating a system of classification for feelings of boredom	<b>19</b> Paragraph F .....
<b>vii</b> Age groups most affected by boredom	
<b>viii</b> Identifying those most affected by boredom	

#### Questions 20-23

Look at the following people (Questions **20-23**) and the list of ideas below.

Match each person with the correct idea, **A-E**.

Write the correct letter, **A-E**, in boxes **20-23** on your answer sheet.

List of Ideas	
<b>20</b> Peter Toohey .....	<b>A</b> The way we live today may encourage boredom.
<b>21</b> Thomas Goetz .....	<b>B</b> One sort of boredom is worse than all the others.
<b>22</b> John Eastwood .....	<b>C</b> Levels of boredom may fall in the future.
<b>23</b> Francoise Wemelsfelder.....	<b>D</b> Trying to cope with boredom can increase its negative effects.
	<b>E</b> Boredom may encourage us to avoid an unpleasant experience.

#### Questions 24-26

Complete the summary below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the passage for each answer.

Write your answers in boxes **24-26** on your answer sheet.

### Responses to boredom

For John Eastwood, the central feature of boredom is that people cannot **24**....., due to a failure in what he calls the 'attention system', and as a result they become frustrated and irritable. His team suggests that those for whom **25**..... is an important aim in life may have problems in coping with boredom, whereas those who have the characteristic of **26**..... can generally cope with it.