

Reading Task

Read the text given below. For each gap (1-5) choose from the sentences A-I the one which best fits.

Just Four Of Us

If we are all so unique, why is it that we are always trying to sort people by personality type? From the beginning of time, man has been putting people into categories by analysing their similarities and differences: and the number and variety of classifications of personality types is impressive to say the least.

1_____ This theory has its roots in antiquity and is based on the four natural elements, earth, air, fire and water. Over time, various forms of this basic theory developed. The ancient Greek physician Hippocrates believed that human emotions were caused by fluids in the body, which he called 'humours'. According to him these humours were responsible for the health and personality of an individual. 2_____ He suggested the sanguines, for example, had an excess of blood, were extrovert and made friends easily, but were often late, forgetful, and sometimes sarcastic. This theory achieved great success and dominated Western thinking for over two thousand years until the 1700s, when physicians proposed the idea that people's moods were affected by chemicals in the blood.

Despite the decline in popularity of the theory of fluids, a large number of modern-day experts believe in the idea of four types

personality. 3_____ Nowadays, the sanguines are known as extroverts, but they actually retain much of the same characteristics described by Hippocrates. They are outgoing and energetic and love to party, but are not punctual, can be messy or disorganized, and prone to carelessness. Another modern-day category that many psychologists use is the analytical type, or what some of us refer to as the "gadget-man". The analytical personality is the one who likes to have every "I" dotted and every "t" crossed. Punctuality and order is of prime importance to them.

4_____ However, they tend to think too much and can be gloomy and irritable at times. A very common label given to another group of people is the dominant or pragmatic type. As the name suggests, the dominant personality type is self-confident and authoritarian. 5_____ They are hands-on people and like to get the job done. Finally, there is the amiable type who loves peace and quiet and will do anything to avoid conflict and arguments. 6_____ They are loyal, trustworthy and helpful and find it very hard to say no. Studying personality types may not be a pure science 7_____ We all have various strengths and qualities and are valuable members of society.

A In fact, to a large extent, only the names given to the categories have changed.

B the four personality types share some characteristics though.

C They are rarely ambitious because they tend to put others first far too often.

D One of the most commonly followed methods of classification divides humans into four groups based on our temperaments.

E They are neat and organized and have enormous self-discipline.

F Studying personalities isn't the easiest of tasks.

G However, it may help us appreciate our differences.

H They might listen to others' opinions out of courtesy but they like to do things their own way.

I He divided them into four categories: choleric, sanguine, melancholic, and phlegmatic.