

Read the text and decide if the sentences are true or false. Circle T (true) or F (false).

Lucy's First Job

When I was sixteen, my father bought an old guesthouse in the village where we lived and decided to turn it into a luxury hotel. At the early stages of the hotel, he experienced with everything. None of us had ever worked in a hotel before, but my dad had a vision of what guests wanted. His standards were extremely high and he believed that to reach those standards the most important thing was work.

For a month that summer I worked as a waitress at breakfast and dinner. As part of the job I had to lay the tables in the dining room beforehand and clean up afterwards. This gave me the middle of the day free for studying because my school report had not lived up to my father's high expectations.

Like all the other waitresses, I was equipped with a neat uniform and told to treat the guests as though they were special visitors in my own home. Although I felt more like a stranger in theirs, I did not express my feelings. Instead I concentrated on doing the job as well as, if not better than, the older girls.

In the kitchen I learned how to deal with Gordon, the chef, who I found rather daunting. He had an impressive chef's hat and a terrifying ability to lose his temper and get violent for no clear reason. I avoided close contact with him and always grabbed the dishes he gave me with a cold look on my face. Then, as I walked from the kitchen to the dining room, my cold expression used to change into a charming smile.

I found serving breakfast more enjoyable than dinner. The guests came wandering into the dining room from seven-thirty onwards, staring with pleasure at the view of the sea and the islands through the dining room window. I always made sure that everyone got their order quickly and I enjoyed getting on well with the people at each table.

In the evenings it was funny how differently people behaved; they talked with louder, less friendly voices, and did not always return my smile. However, that all changed when Dad created a special role for me which improved my status considerably.

I started by making simple cakes for guests' picnics and soon progressed to more elaborate cakes for afternoon teas. I found that recipes were easy to follow and it was amusing to improvise. This led to a nightly event known as Lucy's Sweet Trolley. I used to enter the dining room every evening pushing a trolley carrying an extraordinary collection of puddings, cakes and other desserts. Most of them were of my own invention, I had cooked them all myself and some were undeniably strange.

Adapted from Complete First Certificate.

1. What the people working at the hotel had in common was that they had little experience in the job. T F
2. Lucy's working day was organized in order to give her time to have lunch with her father. T F
3. Lucy's father was strict as far as her education was concerned. T F
4. Lucy was the only one responsible for making the guests feel as comfortable as possible. T F
5. From the fourth paragraph we infer that Gordon was frightening. T F
6. Lucy started to look more friendly while she walked from the kitchen to the dining room. T F
7. Lucy enjoyed breakfast because the guests were more sociable than at dinner. T F
8. Lucy's father improved her position in the hotel. T F
9. Lucy's Sweet Trolley was special because Lucy only followed traditional recipes to prepare the food. T F
10. Throughout the passage, Lucy gives the impression that she found her job hardly enjoyable. T F

I. Read the passage below. Choose the correct option for each gap and write it in the box.

Go, Girls!

Last weekend I watched a brilliant sports event at Wembley Stadium. There was a huge crowd of 45,619 in the stadium with me and it was a match between England and Germany! I'm sure everyone reading this is going to think I'm talking (1)_____ a football match and that is true. (2)_____, it wasn't the normal type of match that we see every Saturday on TV. This was the final of the European Women's Football Championship.

Women's football (3)_____ very popular in England at the end of the nineteenth century and in the beginning the matches attracted (4)_____ spectators than the men's matches did. However, this all changed in 1921. The Football Association (FA) decided to ban all women's football matches on the FA's clubs' ground. The reason they gave was that football was "unsuitable" for women because it wasn't good for their health! Some people thought that the real reason was because the men were jealous of the (5)_____ of the women's game!

Whatever the reason, women's football nearly disappeared completely. Then in 1966, when England won the World Cup, people started getting (6)_____ in women's football again. However, there wasn't much money given to develop the game and even in 1993 (7)_____ were only eighty girls' teams, no professional players and not much training.

The Football Association then started to help develop the game and women's football (8)_____ a long way in the last twenty years. Now it is the most popular female team sport in England and there are (9)_____ competitions for professional players. Unfortunately, professional women football players earn very (10)_____ money and this is something that needs to be fixed in the years to come.

Adapted from FOCUS3

1 ___	A. on	B. off	C. about	D. into
2 ___	A. In addition to	B. However	C. Although	D. Firstly
3 ___	A. used to be	B. were	C. used to being	D. was used to being
4 ___	A. least	B. most	C. less	D. more
5 ___	A. popular	B. unpopular	C. popularity	D. unpopularity
6 ___	A. interestingly	B. interest	C. interesting	D. interested
7 ___	A. there	B. their	C. they're	D. they are
8 ___	A. have come	B. had come	C. has come	D. came
9 ___	A. lots	B. lots of	C. a lot	D. lot
10 ___	A. little	B. few	C. many	D. much

II. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

What a Ride!

Hi Gerry,

I've just reached midway point on my marathon cycle ride around Australia! I can hardly believe it! As you know, when I (1) _____ (start) on the ride last month I (2) _____ (feel) really optimistic. Well, I (3) _____ (encounter) difficulties before in other marathons but nothing compared to this time: the brake cable on my bike broke. Fortunately, there was no traffic so I managed (4) _____ (survive) without brakes until I reached the next town and (5) _____ them _____ (fix)!

On another note, it's been really hard to tolerate the heat lately. I (6) _____ (do) some research on the Internet on new ideas on how to stay hydrated but so far, none has come up. The thought of dehydrating in the desert is absolutely terrifying since I still have a long way to go but, hopefully, by the end of next week I (7) _____ (reach) Canberra, the city where I switch bikes. Many times I find myself thinking "If this were not for charity, (8) _____ (I / choose) to join this marathon?" But knowing that I (9) _____ (do) it for a good cause keeps me going.

I (10) _____ (tell) by my coach that you're considering joining our riding club. I hope you do.

More news soon!

Thomas

III. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the given. You mustn't change the word given.

1. Tiffany was curious about why Rose hadn't gone to the party two days before. **WHY**
" _____ ?" Tiffany asked Rose.
2. "Don't forget to bring your pens," the teacher said to us. **REMIND**
The teacher _____ pens.
3. The police think the robbers probably stole the painting by mistake as they thought it was valuable. **MAY**
The painting _____ by mistake in the belief that it was valuable.
4. Peter and Maria will probably buy the old house. **LIKELY**
Peter and Maria _____ the old house.
5. Zoe is the girl I sit next to on the bus. **WHO**
Zoe is the girl _____ on the bus.
6. "I'm saving for a holiday so I shouldn't buy this dress," Mary said. **BETTER**
"I'm saving for a holiday so I _____ this dress.
- 7 I had hardly opened the front door when the phone rang. **SOON**
The phone rang _____ the front door.
8. Julia is a really good journalist. She has won the *Journalist of the Year Award* recently. **NOT**
If Julia _____ the *Journalist of the Year Award* recently.
9. We needed to leave early because we wanted to watch the whole match. **ORDER**
We needed to leave early _____ the whole match.
10. The match continued despite the goalkeeper's injury. **ALTHOUGH**
The match continued _____.