READING PASSAGE: DOES MONEY BUY SUCCESS?

Many people believe that having a high-paying job and a luxury lifestyle is the key to a successful life. However, a recent study involving 500 entrepreneurs suggests otherwise. The researchers found that "inner success"—feeling proud of your work and having a good work-life balance—is often more important than the numbers in your bank account.

Take the case of Sarah Jenkins. At age 25, she was a top lawyer in London earning a six-figure salary. But she was miserable. She worked 14 hours a day and never saw her family. Eventually, she quit her job to start a small organic farm. She earns much less now, but she says she has never been happier.

On the other hand, some people use their wealth to create positive change. James Chu, who became a billionaire in his 40s, spends 80% of his time managing his charity foundation. For him, success is not about the money he keeps, but the number of people he helps.

EXERCISE 1: MATCHING HEADINGS

Paragraph 1: _____

Paragraph 2: _____

Paragraph 3: _____

A. Giving back to the community

B. A career change for a better life

C. The definition of true success

D. How to become a billionaire quickly

EXERCISE 2: MATCHING INFORMATION

1. The Study → _____

2. Sarah Jenkins → _____

3. James Chu → _____

4. Inner Success → _____

a. Used to be a lawyer but moved to a farm.

b. Believes success is about helping others.

c. Claims that 'inner success' is vital.

d. Feeling proud and having time for yourself.

EXERCISE 3: GAP FILLING

1. The study found that a good _____ is often more important than money.

2. Sarah Jenkins used to earn a _____ before she quit.

3. Now, Sarah says she feels _____ than when she was a lawyer.

4. James Chu spends most of his time running a _____.

EXERCISE 4: READING

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Last weekend, somebody bought a lottery ticket, chose all the correct numbers and won millions. How lucky! Or maybe not. In the 1970s, scientists at the University of Illinois studied lottery winners and compared their levels of happiness with other people. The results were interesting.

The winners felt delighted for a short time, but after that, their happiness returned to normal levels.

A similar study by the University of California in 2008 gave the same results. They looked at lottery winners six months after their win and found completely normal levels of happiness.

And for a few unlucky people, a huge lottery win was the start of major problems. Alex Toth, for example, won $13 million in 1990. He stopped working, spent the money quickly and had terrible arguments with his family and friends.

Answer: _____

ANSWER KEY

Ex 1: 1-C, 2-B, 3-A

Ex 2: 1-c, 2-a, 3-b, 4-d

Ex 3: work-life balance; six-figure salary; happier; charity foundation

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