

UNIT 9 – READING – G12

Read the following passage and mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer to each of the questions

Career experts' advice

Our Teen Talk magazine has recently received a lot of questions from secondary school students asking about things they should consider when choosing their careers. We've talked to our career experts, and here is **their** advice.

First, learn about yourself and discover your personality type, beliefs, soft skills, and interests. For example, if you are passionate about working with people and helping them develop, you may consider becoming a social worker or a teacher. If you are interested in learning languages, history, art, and architecture, you might look at jobs in the tourist industry. Spend time thinking about what you want to do, and list what you are good at. **This can help you come up with a career path that matches your personality. (I)**

Next, you should take into account any career qualifications you may need. Many jobs require formal education at a university or college. In order to work as a doctor, for example, you will need to study at medical school for some years of general medical training, followed by several years of specialty training. **(II)** But there are also jobs that don't require any formal qualifications. You can be hired as a server or a barista in a coffee shop, for instance, and you will be given on-the-job training.

You should also consider your chances of being hired. Some fields of work may offer very few positions. With technology developing at a fast pace, some jobs such as cashiers and travel agents may become **automated** or obsolete. **(III)** However, other jobs are **on the rise**. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists, for instance, are in great demand because of ageing populations and increased life expectancy. **(IV)** That is why before you make a decision, you should carefully examine the opportunities that a career path may provide.

Question 1. What can be inferred about students interested in languages and culture?

- A. They are more likely to choose careers involving communication and travel
- B. They should avoid jobs that require interaction with other people
- C. They tend to focus only on academic research careers
- D. They are required to complete long-term medical training

Question 2. The phrase “*on the rise*” in paragraph 4 is closest in meaning to _____.

- A. becoming less common
- B. increasing gradually
- C. remaining unchanged
- D. disappearing quickly

Question 3. The word “*automated*” in paragraph 4 is opposite in meaning to _____.

- A. operated by machines
- B. controlled by humans
- C. dependent on technology
- D. influenced by systems

Question 4. The word “*their*” in paragraph 1 refers to _____.

- A. students
- B. experts
- C. questions
- D. careers

Question 5. What is the passage mainly about?

- A. The relationship between education and career success
- B. Advice on choosing careers based on various factors
- C. The advantages of technological development in the workplace
- D. Differences between traditional and modern occupations

Question 6. According to the passage, which statement is NOT TRUE?

- A. Some jobs provide training without requiring formal education
- B. Certain occupations may become less necessary in the future
- C. All careers demand similar levels of academic preparation
- D. Healthcare professions are increasing due to demographic trends

Question 7. Where in the passage does the following sentence best fit?

"Therefore, not all career paths demand the same level of academic preparation."

- A. (I)
- B. (II)
- C. (III)
- D. (IV)

Question 8. Which of the following best paraphrases the underlined sentence in paragraph 2?

- A. It assists individuals in selecting careers aligned with their personal qualities
- B. It requires students to follow careers suggested by experts
- C. It allows learners to avoid making career decisions independently
- D. It encourages people to prioritize financial benefits in their choices

Question 9. It can be inferred from the passage that _____.

- A. making a career choice requires evaluating multiple important factors
- B. most students ignore employment trends when choosing careers
- C. technology has no significant impact on the job market
- D. only highly educated individuals can find suitable jobs

Question 10. In which paragraph does the writer mention the effect of technological development on employment?

- A. Paragraph 1
- B. Paragraph 2
- C. Paragraph 3
- D. Paragraph 4