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Date: Intensive IV

A- Reading comprehension

1 Read the article and tick (✓) A, B, or C.

Imagine being able to go back in time and have a little chat with the 17-year-old you. We asked two 30-somethings what advice they would give their younger selves.

Martha Lee

The problem with most 17-year-olds is not that they are wild or rebellious but that they're just so sensitive, and so self-obsessed that even an innocent comment might cause them much emotional pain. So, what I'd tell my younger self is to live a little, relax, and take no notice of what anyone else says. At parties, when I was 17, I'd sit in the corner trying to look grown up and sophisticated instead of enjoying myself. I'd soon put a stop to that if I could go back in time. I'd drag the silly girl up and show her just how much fun dancing in an embarrassing way can be! Mind you, I might have a word with her about how a little lipstick is more appealing than layers and layers, and why that lovely flowery dress didn't suit those awful high-heeled white sandals.

When I was 17, I was constantly worrying about boys. So, I'd tell her to lighten up, forget about them, and spend more time with the girls. I'd love her to know that not having a date on a Saturday night was not the end of the world, and didn't mean she was a loser. And I'd tell her that if a boy she liked didn't fancy her, he was allowed to have that opinion, and that following him around, changing hairstyles, or ringing him up and putting the phone down as soon as he answered wouldn't change anything.

The other thing I'd tell her is that her mother was not an ignorant, embarrassing but loveable idiot, who didn't know what she was talking about, but rather a witty and forgiving woman who was intelligent enough to be amused rather than annoyed at how arrogant and selfish teenagers can be.

Jim Stewart

To be honest with you, I don't think there would be much point in going back in time and talking to me as a 17-year-old, and not because I wouldn't listen. I was always being given advice, but, at that age, however hard I tried, I just couldn't take it in. My world was listening to rock music, cleaning my new motorbike and watching football. Everything else seemed irrelevant. I tried to have ambitions and be sensible, but I really couldn't see why.

But if I did have the chance to talk to tall, skinny, long-haired me, what would I say? Get your hair cut? No, I don't think so, although I would tell the younger me to try to eat more healthily. Not that I was overweight. On the contrary, when I look at old photos I always envy the fact that I managed to wear such tight jeans. Actually, what I'd really want to tell myself is to think bigger and to not limit my horizons. I don't think I was encouraged to take risks and to try to find out what I really wanted to do. Perhaps there was pressure on me to conform, to go to college, to get a good job, that sort of thing.

Oh, and the other thing I'd tell the 17-year-old me is to cut up all my credit cards. I wasn't very good with money and I just didn't realize how quickly you can get into debt. If it hadn't been for my dad, it would have taken years to pay off all the bills I ran up.

Example: The two people asked to give advice are _____.

A in their teens ☐ B aged between 20 and 30 ☐

C aged between 30 and 40 ☒

- 1 Martha does not think 17-year-olds are _____.
A self-confident ☐ B emotional ☐ C easily upset ☐
- 2 Martha advises her younger self to _____.
A be more sociable ☐ B grow up ☐ C stop worrying about herself ☐
- 3 Martha criticizes her younger self for _____.
A wearing clothes that don't look good together ☐ B wearing make-up ☐
C wearing flowery patterns ☐
- 4 Martha thinks her younger self _____.
A didn't have enough girl friends ☐ B went out too much on Saturdays ☐
C spent too much time thinking about boys ☐
- 5 When Martha was younger and liked a boy, she would _____.
A phone him and tell him ☐ B do anything to get him to like her ☐
C avoid him ☐
- 6 When young, Martha thought her mother was someone _____.
A whose opinion she would listen to seriously ☐ B who was easy to like ☐
C who was humorous and intelligent ☐
- 7 In Jim's opinion, his younger self _____.
A wouldn't welcome his advice ☐ B wouldn't see the point of his advice ☐
C wouldn't listen to a word of his advice ☐
- 8 Nowadays, Jim is _____.
A slimmer ☐ B fatter ☐ C shorter-haired ☐
- 9 Jim thinks he should have _____.
A worked harder and gone to college ☐
B thought more ambitiously about his future ☐
C done what he really wanted to do ☐
- 10 Jim says that his younger self _____.
A was in debt for years ☐ B wasn't careful with money ☐
C got into debt too easily ☐

Read and complete this text

Don't reach for the bottle!

We are constantly being warned about climate change and how much we contribute to the environmental problems our planet is facing but one thing each and every one of us can do to help is literally at our fingertips. [1 _____]

According to recent reports our obsession with buying and drinking bottled water significantly increases our carbon footprint. Apparently in America, the largest market in the world for bottled water, over eight billion gallons is consumed annually and in the UK the market is worth more than two billion pounds. [2 _____]

What is interesting is that according to most experts, bottled water is no better for us than ordinary tap water. So, we have an alternative in our own kitchens.

[3 _____] They insist that their water tastes better, has added minerals and comes in handy plastic bottles that encourage us all to drink more water wherever we are – something that many medical experts consider to be good for our health. But does this all really compensate for the 600 fold increase in greenhouse gas that is put into the atmosphere by producing and delivering the product? [4 _____] And what about the damage caused by the 75% of plastic bottles that are not recycled but disposed of in landfill sites? It has been calculated that drinking one bottle of water has the same environmental impact as driving for one kilometre in a car!

Many people also question the morality of buying a product that is becoming so scarce in some parts of the world that many people (like a third of those in Fiji) do not have easy access to it. The moral issue aside, is it really worth buying something that costs 2,000 times more than an alternative we can already find in our homes? [5 _____]

Complete the text with sentences A–F. There is one sentence you do not need.

- A The bottled water industry of course refutes these findings.
- B The popular Fiji water travels 10,000 miles from its source on the island of Fiji to the upmarket UK stores that sell it.
- C And at what cost to the environment?
- D However, not all bottled water has this effect on health.
- E These figures may not be surprising if we compare them with other bottled drinks.
- F Turn on the tap when we're thirsty!

What is the author's opinion about buying bottled water?

What do you think about the article?

B- Choose the right option

1. You look more **as / like / as if** your father than your mother.
2. They **might have / must have / may have** finished the match by now. It's too dark to play.
3. It sounds **as if / like / ----** Rebecca has finally got up. I can hear her moving around.
4. She **shouldn't have / might not have / mustn't have** told you I was leaving. I asked her not to tell anyone.
5. This spaghetti tastes **like / ----- / as if** you used sugar instead of salt.
6. We'd better take out the rubbish. The kitchen smells **like / ----- / as if** terrible.
7. I'm not sure what's in this curry but it tastes **as if / ---- / like** chicken

C- Turn the following sentences into passive voice in two ways.

1. People say that he will win.

It.....

He.....

2. Journalists have reported that the President is ill.

It.....

The President.....

3. Everyone knows that the statement is untrue.

It.....

The statement.....

4. Many people believe that the climate is changing.

The climate.....

It.....

5. Everybody knows that he has been in prison.

He.....

It.....

D- Paraphrasing.

1. My brother works in a restaurant. He is a waiter.

My brother works as.....

2. If you don't have a vase for your flowers you can use a glass.

You can use a glass.....your flowers.

3. Bruce is going to ask the builder to repair his roof.

Bruce.....repaired.

4. Mary's lawn was mowed yesterday.

Mary.....

5. People think that Paul has stolen a bank.

Paul.....

E- Choose the correct word.

1. Somebody **robbed** / **stole** my bag yesterday.

2. Did you **listen to** / **hear** the thunder last night? It was really loud.

3. Please **remind** / **remember** me that I have a meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

4. I don't **matter** / **mind** if you can't come to my party. I understand how busy you are.

F- Read the following text and complete it by reporting the sentences below. Use reporting verbs.



I had the strangest dream the other night. I was having breakfast and my mother ____1____. She asked me if I had done enough revision and I ____2____ three weeks, and ____3____ for them. But when I got to school, I found that my classmates had already started the English Literature exam. I ____4____. The teacher instructed me to sit down and start writing, but when I opened the exam paper, I couldn't answer any of the questions I ____5____ any of the books, but the teacher ____6____. It was at that point that I woke up.

1- ("Don't forget that the school exams start today")

2- ("The exams aren't for another three weeks")

3- ("I will revise for them")

4- ("I am sorry I am late")

5- ("I haven't read any of the books")

6- ("You should do the exam anyway")

Have you ever had an "anxiety dream" like this?

G- Report the following sentences using the verbs in the box.

recommend beg claim congratulate insist promise threaten warn

1- "I've never had a nightmare", he said

2- "I think you should go to that restaurant. It's really good", said Ben to Lee.

3- "Please, please don't wear those old jeans.", said Jo to Ian

4- "If you don't stop talking, I'll give you a detention", said Mr Brown to John

5- "Don't swim too far out to sea as the currents are quite strong," said Jo to Tom

6- "Well done for passing your driving test," said Sue to Chris.

7- "I'll never lie to you again", said Steve to Vanessa.

8- "You must eat your vegetables", said Liam to his daughter.

H- Choose the correct alternative

1- My dad **suggested / advised** me to get an early night.

2- Harry **refused / denied** that he had cheated in the exam.

3- Dave **asked / insisted** that I should help him.

4- Kate **agreed / proposed** to buy a new car.

5- Fred **ordered / reminded** his son that he had to turn off the computer.

6- Robbie **blamed / accused** his brother for the accident.

WRITING

Choose one of the following options and write between 140 -190 words on it.

1- Write a report on the following topic:

'The role of television in modern life'.

Write 140–180 words. Include the following information:

- say what you think the role of television in modern life is
- discuss how you think the role of television has changed in recent years
- explain what you think the advantages of television are

2- Write your opinion on the following statement. "Downloading music or films without paying is as much of a crime as stealing from a shop."

3- Describe the following photograph.

