Extra Training

Reading Task 858

The following questions are incomplete sentences. Beneath each sentence you will see four words or phrases, marked (1-4). Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

1. The roads were unbelievably dirty after the rain. John was driving slowly trying not to get into some kind of trouble that may be hidden _____ .

1. *in the bushes*
2. *under the water*
3. *beyond his understanding*
4. *in the sand*

2. Don't even try to tell me that you are late for the lesson because of your granny. I am sick and tired of your lies _____ .

1. *about your sick relatives*
2. *about the traffic in the street*
3. *of the broken elevators*
4. *taken for the book by R.Tolkien*

3. When it was time for Julia to leave, nobody told her about the cake that could be brought to the table. _____ as she bored everybody with her talks about her new boy-friend.

1. *They were sorry she was ill*
2. *It was a new kind of cake*
3. *Everybody was on her side*
4. *They were glad she was leaving*

4. Eugene looked around the class looking for Alice. _____ . She could ask him about the book he had forgotten to bring her.

1. *She was not here and it upset him*
2. *He found her quickly and waved his hand*
3. *He was glad that she was not present*
4. *She was the one he was thinking about all the week*

5. The question was about _____ and it was difficult for John to answer, because he didn't study the material of the beginning of the last century.

1. *Dmitry Donskoi*
2. *the first Russian revolution*
3. *Queen Elisabeth II*
4. *Robin Hood*

Part Two. Questions 16-20 refer to the following text:

An Address Without a Letter

Before 1840 there were no stamps. In those days people usually paid a lot of money for a letter when they received it. That is why people who were poor did not write to one another often. But when they sent or received a letter, it was a very important thing for them and many people knew about it.

There is a story from that time about a letter to a poor woman. One day the postman came to her house to bring her a letter. He told the woman to pay a lot of money, which she did not have.

She looked at the letter, and gave it back to the postman. "I cannot pay for it," she said.

Just at that moment a man heard the conversation between the postman and the woman. He came up to the woman and said, "Let me pay for the letter. I have money and I want to help you." Then he gave the postman the money he wanted to get from the woman.

"I thank you very much," said the woman, "but you must not pay for the letter. It is from my brother. He sends me one letter every three months. He does not write about himself and his family, he writes only my address on the letter. Then I know that he is well, and as I cannot pay for the letter, I give it back to the postman."

6. Why didn't the people often write letters to each other?

1. *They couldn't write*
2. *It was too expensive*
3. *The money was different*
4. *It was not mentioned in the text*

7. When did the story take place?

1. *At the beginning of the last century*
2. *When my granny was still young*
3. *Before there were stamps on the letters*
4. *It was not mentioned in the text*

8. How much money did the postman want the woman to pay?

1. *She couldn't count it*
2. *Mare than ever*
3. *10 DM*
4. *It was not mentioned in the text*

9. Why did the man want to pay for the letter?

1. *He was a kind person*
2. *He wanted to meet the woman*
3. *He was in love with the woman*
4. *He didn't like the postman*

10. Why was there nothing but the address on the letter?

1. *It was a top-secret letter*
2. *The brother forgot to write the letter*
3. *The woman was a spy*
4. *It was the plan for the woman not to pay for it.*

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