



## 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.

**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. More 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.