

- 1 Установите соответствие между заголовками А–Н и текстами 1–7. Занесите свои ответы в таблицу В2. Используйте каждую букву только один раз. В задании один заголовок лишний.

A A popular creation

B Music's long history

C Trying to help nature

D Meeting the stars

E Making money from fame

F A deeper meaning

G Music from nature

H Enthusiastic readers

- 1 Some people believe that certain kinds of music help plants to grow more quickly. They say that plants grow well if calm music is played, but die if subjected to heavy metal or rock music. There is absolutely no scientific evidence for this. Nevertheless, a Japanese company has created a gadget called 'Plantone' that they say reveals a plant's response when exposed to music.
- 2 In Zadar, Croatia, a structure has been built that allows the sea to 'play' music. The structure consists of stone steps beside the Adriatic Sea which people can sit on. Underneath the steps are tubes with openings. When the sea pushes air through the tubes, musical chords are played. The chords change depending on the size and speed of the waves. Thus, every minute of the day, the sea plays a unique 'song'.
- 3 When J.K. Rowling first started writing her Harry Potter series of novels, she had no idea that one day they would become one of the most loved children's book series of all time. Not only has Rowling sold more than 400 million Harry Potter books worldwide, but she has seen her novels made into some successful films. What's more, although she wrote the books with children in mind, many adults have read them too.
- 4 Some nursery rhymes describe historical events or situations. For example, the nursery rhyme *"Remember, remember the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot. I see no reason why gunpowder,*

treason, should ever be forgot" is about a man named Guy Fawkes. On the 5th November, 1605, Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London with several containers of gunpowder. He was caught and sentenced to a painful death.

- 5 Former English star football player Bob Wilson has brought together the art world and the world of celebrities for a charity fundraising event. 'Stars on Canvas' is an art exhibition and auction where artwork created by famous people, such as actors, musicians and sports stars, is sold to raise money for charity. People seem to really like the idea of owning art created by their favourite stars!
- 6 What was the world's first musical instrument? The drums are a good candidate. But maybe it was the flute. In 1995, archaeologists found a piece of bear's bone with four holes punched into it, in a cave in Slovenia. They dated the 'flute' at between 43,000 and 82,000 years old. It seems that man has been making music for as long as history itself.
- 7 A group of high school students has set up a 'breakfast book club'. Each month, they agree on a book to read, then meet on the last day of the month in the school cafeteria to discuss the book over breakfast. According to teacher Ben Jones, the students are happy to arrive at school one hour early to talk about the book. They love discussing their ideas on a more casual and personal level than they can in their English classes.

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B2							

- 2 Прочитайте текст и заполните пропуски 1–6 частями предложений, обозначенными буквами А–G. Одна из частей в списке А–G лишняя. Занесите букву, обозначающую соответствующую часть предложения, в таблицу В3.

The history of coffee can be traced back at least as far as the 9th century. It was first grown, produced and enjoyed in the highlands of Ethiopia. From there it spread to Egypt and Yemen, and by the fifteenth century the bitter drink had reached Persia, Egypt, Turkey and Northern Africa.

At first, coffee was not very popular and it was even made illegal in some cases. In 1511, imams at a court in Mecca decided that the stimulating effect that coffee produced was not acceptable, 1) However, the drink had become so popular that the Ottoman Turkish Sultan Selim I ordered the ban to be lifted in 1524.

Coffee began to spread from the Muslim world to Europe, 2)

The first Europeans to import coffee on a large scale were the Dutch. At that time, it was illegal to

export coffee plants or unroasted seeds from the Arab countries, but the Dutch managed to smuggle out some seedlings in 1690. They began to grow coffee in Java, 3)

Now that coffee was more readily available in Europe, its popularity grew. People believed that the drink was healthy 4)

Eventually, coffee reached North America. At first, it was not as successful as it had been in Europe. However, the Americans' taste for coffee grew during the early nineteenth century, following the war of 1812 5) Soon, coffee became an everyday drink in America, too.

Today coffee is enjoyed by people all over the world, 6) It is the second most traded product after petroleum and is one of the world's most popular drinks.

A which was then governed by Holland

B and plays an important part in many countries' culture

C when access to tea imports was cut off

D where it became popular during the seventeenth century

E which soon became the most popular drink of the time

F and that it could cure many illnesses

G so they forbade people to drink it

1	2	3	4	5	6

- 3 Прочитайте рассказ и выполните задания A15–A21. В каждом задании обведите цифру 1, 2, 3 или 4, соответствующую выбранному вами варианту ответа.

Corruption

Sharon had marched up to my desk, obviously furious, and demanded 'a word outside'. At that moment I was just curious to find out what had bothered her so much. I followed her outside. "I've just paid a little visit to our old friend Fat Micky," she said, "to put some pressure on him about last year's Renfrew robbery, and he says you took some cash to 'lose' some evidence. Well?"

If I'd known what was coming, I could have reacted better, but I'd been caught completely off guard and I knew it showed. "It's a lie," I said, as coolly as I could. "He's a criminal and will say anything." I hoped I sounded convincing but she was looking straight at me with her sharp blue eyes and I felt like a schoolboy in trouble with the headmaster. I leaned back against the wall trying to look like I didn't have a care in the world, despite the fact that I was having difficulty breathing and I could feel the beads of sweat gathering on my forehead.

Sharon was a woman I'd always admired. A tough detective and a very good one, too. It wasn't easy for a woman to make it as a detective and earn the respect of all her colleagues. But it hadn't been easy for me either, a boy from the poorest area in Glasgow. I was a good detective, one of the best, in fact, and I'd only ever made one mistake — taking money from Micky. It had been just after I had split up with my wife and I was badly in debt. I had never done anything like it before and I never intended to do it again.

Now, as Sharon confronted me, I felt small, ugly and very guilty. I also felt annoyed with her at that moment. What made her so perfect? Had she never put a foot wrong anywhere? Ever? My mind raced as I tried to decide what to do. Should I tell the truth, explain what had happened and hope she'd take my side? Or

should I just brush off the accusation and pray she didn't tell anyone? I had no idea if this conversation could finish off my promising career as a police officer or not.

At the end of the day it would all come down to my word against Micky's and he was just a cheap criminal. But I didn't want people whispering behind my back, wondering if it were true, whether I really was a corrupt officer of the law. If word got out, this would always be on my record. Once your superiors had lost confidence in you it was almost impossible to get it back and I didn't want to lose my chance of further promotion. I'd already made it to detective inspector and I saw no reason why I couldn't go higher. Except now there was Micky's betrayal casting a dark shadow over my dreams.

I shrugged my shoulders and attempted a cheeky grin at Sharon. "You're the last person I expected to believe Micky. I should be offended," I said. She laughed, but it was an empty laugh and it didn't reach her cold eyes. "I didn't believe him. Until now, that is. It's a shame really, because you were always the one person in the station that I looked up to. I thought you were very honest and I've just lost a little more faith in humanity," she said. "But don't worry, your dirty little secret is safe with me."

As I watched her turn around and go back into the station, I finally managed to take a deep breath. Of course, I was very relieved that she wouldn't talk and I trusted her because I knew that, unlike me, she really was an honest person. But her words had affected me deeply. I had lost her respect forever. I would be able to hold my head high with everyone in the station, apart from her. Even if I ever did manage to get the promotion I longed for, there would always be one person who knew I didn't deserve it.

A15 Sharon was angry because

- 1 Fat Micky was threatening her.
- 2 she found out the writer had put her in danger.
- 3 she thought the writer may have harmed the case.
- 4 she had been tricked by Fat Mickey.

A16 When the writer says 'I'd been caught completely off guard' in paragraph two, he means he

- 1 reacted wrongly.
- 2 was seen doing wrong.
- 3 wasn't feeling confident.
- 4 was taken by surprise.

A17 When Sharon made her accusation the writer

- 1 was afraid that he looked guilty.
- 2 managed to persuade her that he was innocent.
- 3 didn't try to defend himself.
- 4 succeeded in staying calm.

A18 In the third paragraph, the writer implies that his mistake

- 1 was Sharon's fault.
- 2 should be forgiven.
- 3 hadn't hurt anyone.
- 4 ended his marriage.

A19 The writer was worried that

- 1 he would lose his job.
- 2 his colleagues would lose their trust in him.
- 3 Micky would try to hurt him.
- 4 Sharon's career would be affected.

A20 In paragraph six, Sharon shows that she

- 1 still admired the writer.
- 2 would reveal what she knew.
- 3 felt disappointed with the writer.
- 4 believed the writer was innocent.

A21 After his conversation with Sharon, the writer

- 1 knew she would never trust him again.
- 2 was relieved that she would forgive him.
- 3 knew that he would never be promoted.
- 4 felt very annoyed with her.