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## FINAL EXAM

### READING

**1 Read the articles about a young English student. Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-F the one which fits each gap (1-5). There is one extra letter which you do not need to use.**

- A. I'm really into the environment because I think it's important to save our planet.
- B. In my country, a lot of employment is in tourism.
- C. It's great when you can get the joke in a sitcom in the language they are talking.
- D. Learning English can be a lot of fun even if it is hard work sometimes.
- E. So why don't you read on and see how similar are to yours?
- F. We also did lots of singing, and at the end of term we put a play on.

### The difficulties of learning English

Well, hello there! My name's Zoe Kosmidou and I think I'm a typical student of English. In this article, I'm going to talk about my English learning experiences. (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (By the way, don't be too amazed by my wonderful English - my teacher's checked everything!)

Do you remember when English was easy? Mostly it involved drawing 'works of art' - you know, like members of your family – and then you wrote the words *Mum*, *Dad*, etc below them. (2)\_\_\_\_\_ Wasn't it great? No stress, manageable homework and most importantly, no big, important exams coming up.

Oh, I know I should keep an open mind about it – there are advantages to being in exam preparation classes. Like what? I hear you say. Exams? No, what I mean is, now that our English is at quite a good level, we can enjoy a lot of things. Take TV, for example. In my country, a lot of foreign programmes have subtitles, so you hear the language being spoken while reading the translation. (3)\_\_\_\_\_ I find English or American humour doesn't always translate into Greek, so you would miss the joke if you didn't understand the English.

I also make good use of English when I'm using a computer. All of my computer games are in English and a lot of the information on websites isn't in my language. It's very useful to be able to look up information for schoolwork in English. Lastly, I love music, and a lot of my favourite music is in English. I'm really glad I can understand most of what they're saying.



What about the actual lesson? I know I said exams are stressful, but we do some really interesting subjects in our English class. (4)\_\_\_ We did a project on the rainforest and deforestation last terms, and I learnt so many new things. Next week, I'm going on a tree-planting day with my class. We are going to plant trees in a forest near us which really suffered in this year's heatwaves and forest fires, when a lot of trees burnt down.

Something else we have to think about is that we all need foreign languages, especially English, for work later. (5)\_\_\_ So, you can't really find a job if you can't speak at least English. Also, in many jobs, you might not get promotion or a good salary unless you can communicate internationally. English is an important language for doing this.

So, you may be feeling a little down about the coming exams, but be brave. Keep working hard, enjoy the benefits of learning English, and you'll soon have that important paper in your hands.

**B. Read the sentences and decide whether they are T (true) or F (false)**

1. Zoe's teacher has helped her with her article. \_\_\_
2. All jokes are perfectly translated for us to understand when we read subtitles. \_\_\_
3. All the programmes in her computer are in her own language and not in English. \_\_\_
4. Zoe says that the topics learnt in her English classes are captivating. \_\_\_
5. Zoe believes that learning other languages is not so important for our future jobs. \_\_\_