

## SECTION 2

### Questions 15-27

Read the text below and answer Questions 15-20

#### **Working for a small company may be better than you think**

Recent research shows that many job-seekers believe their ideal position would be in a large company. However, working for a small or medium-sized business has many advantages that are too easily overlooked. Here are just a few of them.

Working in a small organisation with a small workforce means it's likely to be easy to become part of it. It won't be long before you're familiar with the staff and the departments that you need to deal with. This can provide a feeling of comfort that takes much longer to develop in a large company. Departments are likely to be small and have close connections with each other, which helps to make internal communication work well – everyone knows what's going on. You'll also gain a better understanding of how your own role fits into the company as a whole.

In a small business you're likely to have considerable variety in your workload, including opportunities to work in different areas of the company, which will allow you to identify abilities that you didn't know you had. An introduction to new activities could even lead to a change of career. This variety in your work will help to make it stimulating, so you have a good reason for getting out of bed in the morning.

There will be plenty of opportunities to show initiative, and you'll also learn to function well as part of a team. Because it's much harder to overlook someone within a small workforce than a large one, your efforts are more likely to attract the attention of those higher up. You'll have plenty of opportunity to show what you can do, and to have your potential noticed. The result is very likely to be that promotion comes to you faster.

Small businesses are usually flexible, something that is rarely true of large organisations. This means that if they're well managed, they can adapt to make the most of changes in the wider economy, which in turn can help you. Don't dismiss them as a place to work because of the myths about them. Small firms can be ideal places for developing your career.

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Complete the sentences below.

Choose **ONE WORD ONLY** from the text for each answer.

*Write your answers in boxes **15-20** on your answer sheet.*

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### IELTS GENERAL READING PRACTICE- test 3

- 15 In a small business it is easy to become ..... with colleagues and other departments.
- 16 You may find you have ..... you were not aware of.
- 17 Finding that your work is ..... will make you enjoy doing it.
- 18 Other people are likely to realise that you have ..... .
- 19 Opportunities for ..... will come sooner than in a larger business.
- 20 You can benefit from a small company being more ..... than a large one.