

20% English _V_ Reading Task

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Purpose: To identify main ideas from short texts.

Text 1: Read William's experience as a waiter and answer the questions below.

William the Waiter

I've been working in restaurants for nearly ten years. I started as a part-time waiter in a pizza place when I was a student at acting school. Since acting jobs are hard to find, I've been waiting tables full-time since I graduated.

Some days are better than others, but I generally enjoy my job. Being a night person, what I like best is not having to wake up early in the morning. The restaurant is only open for lunch and dinner. I also like the free meals that we get in the middle of each shift.

The thing I like least about my job is having to deal with rude customers. Although most customers are polite, we get a few who aren't. And no matter what they say, we must always be polite. Another thing I don't like is the dress code. As it's an expensive restaurant, I have to take out my earring and cover my tattoo. We also have to make sure our shirts are always clean. If not, we get sent home.

A. Read the text and choose the correct answer (15 points –Each item value is 0,3)

- 1. How long has he worked as a waiter?**
 - a. Nearly five years.
 - b. Nearly ten years.
 - c. Nearly twelve years.
- 2. What did he study?**
 - a. Teaching
 - b. Farming
 - c. Acting
- 3. What does he like the most of his job?**
 - a. He doesn't wake up early.
 - b. He stays up late.
 - c. The salary.
- 4. What happens when a client is rude?**
 - a. William has to fight immediately.
 - b. William has to be polite.
 - c. William has to call the watch man.
- 5. What does he have to cover?**
 - a. His tattoo
 - b. His sneakers
 - c. His socks

Text 2: Read Marian's experience as a flight attendant and then answer the questions. (15 points –Each item value is 0,3)

Welcome on board!

My name is Marian and I am a flight attendant. Providing the passengers what they need and making sure they are comfortable are my main duties. My job is exciting; I visit many countries every year and never know where I'll be in the next week. Of course it's also tiring, and I can't spend the weekends or holidays with my family but it's worth it.

I wanted to be a flight attendant since I was a little girl, so I did everything I was advised to, in order to get the job I always wanted. I think it's very important to prepare yourself to do what you dream on, and if you are really concerned on learning and you take it seriously, you will probably get what you want.

1. Mention one Marian's main duty.
2. What is exciting about Marian's job?
3. Which days she cannot be with her family?
4. When did she decide to be flight attendant?
5. How can we get what we want?

Text 3: Read Carolina's weekly routine and then look at the questions and decide whether the information is true or false. (20 points –Each item value is 0,4)

Carolina's duties

This is Carolina. She is a nurse. She works at the hospital Las Americas (Medellin). She likes her job, but the work is actually hard and it requires full time availability so she always has to be prepared.

Carolina works 40 hours a week. She sometimes works in the day and sometimes she works at night. She prefers to work at night because the hospital is more tranquil and there are not visitors. In this moment, she is studying on Sunday because she wants to become a doctor; therefore, she does not work on Sundays.

Carolina has four babies (three girls and one boy), and she is a single mother. She says it is very difficult to study, work, and care of the babies at the same time, especially this last one because it demands time, love, and company and sometimes she cannot even see any of her babies.

1. Carolina's job is easy. True False
2. Carolina never works at night. True False
3. There are not visitors at night in the Hospital. True False
4. She wants to become a firefighter. True False
5. She has much time for her babies. True False

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