PART 3 Questions 11-15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

So what happens after school?

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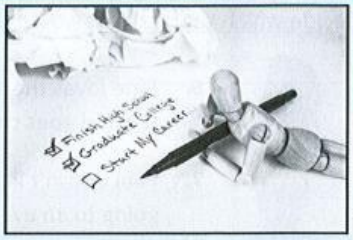

I was wondering what I should do with my life when I finish school. My parents told me that I still had a couple of years ahead of me but that did not reassure me. So I went online and found everything about career advisors.

Most secondary schools in England have members of staff who give careers advice to their students. They are called careers advisors. A year before they leave school, the careers advisor will talk to the students one by one and ask them what they want to do in the future. The advisor will look at the students' grades to see what subjects they are stronger in. For example, if they are good at maths, they can become an accountant.

The advice is not just about the part of finding a job; it's also telling the student what university course they must do first. If a student wants to become a lawyer, he or she will have to go to university for three or four years to study law. However, if someone wants to be a doctor, they will need good grades in biology and other science subjects. With good grades, they can go to university and do their basic medical training which is six years. But their studying doesn't finish at university. They then have to study at hospital for another two or three years.

The careers advisor also helps students who don't have the grades to go to university. The advisor helps the students with their CV and shows them how to find and apply for jobs. Sometimes there are short courses they can do to learn a new skill quickly. For example, they can go on a hairdressing course and then learn more while they work. Some organisations offer training on the job, such as factories and farms. The government has many areas which offer possibilities for those who can't go to university. Students can join the army and be trained to become a soldier, or if they want, they could become a sailor with the navy.

So I guess that now I shouldn't be feeling so anxious. When the time comes, I'll make sure I'll ask a careers advisor for help.

11. How do career advisors meet the students?

A. in a small group
B. in individual meetings
C. all the class together
D. the whole school at the same time

12. What does the advisor look for before giving advice?

A. what the student isn't very good at
B. university courses in other countries
C. what the student is better at
D. the student's CV and folder

13. What happens after studying medicine at a university?

A. The student must go on to study biology as well.
B. The student can train others to become doctors, too.
C. The student can practise medicine immediately after.
D. The student carries on learning for another few years.

14. How do advisors help students with not very good grades?

A. They show them the best way to get a job.
B. They help them with on-the-job training.
C. They give extra classes to help them get to university.
D. They take them to a farm and a factory to show them their options.

15. What would Sam text to a friend who seeks career advice?

A. I'm as worried as you are as I don't know what options are available for us.

B. I guess you could ask your parents for help; that's what I did.

C. There is no need to panic as there are people at school that can help you with that.

D. Your teachers will make career decisions for you so that you don't have to deal with it.

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