

READING COMPREHENSION

[each answer worth 2 points]

Read texts A–D and answer the ten questions below. For each answer, choose one of the sections in the article, A–D. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

*Many workplaces have interns. Is being an intern useful work experience or an unpaid waste of time?
Jenifer Black meets four young women trying to get a foot on the ladder.*

A Michelle Howard: intern at the film company Future Films

Working on scripts is really exciting. We get a broad variety of genres sent to us here. I read scripts, sometimes I attend meetings with writers, and I've also researched potential writers and directors online. Also, I volunteer in my local theatre and help out as an auditorium assistant. It's a great way of seeing different aspects of the industry, meeting people and developing your career. My placement was due to come to an end this month but I've just been offered the paid role of production and development assistant. I'm pleased to be able to stay – I didn't want to leave everyone. It's been tough getting to this point, but you can't expect too much because it's a competitive industry. Because my degree was in film theory, I didn't come away with the practical experience of being able to go on set and know what's what. Maybe I would have progressed more quickly if I had.

B Jane Nicholson: intern at the Charlotte Eastwood fashion company

I work in the same department as Charlotte Eastwood, so I see her almost every day. She treats everyone equally, whether they are paid staff or interns. My main task is tracing patterns. It is amazing how big they are; so much fabric goes into making a Westwood dress. When I started, I was working on the archive, so I had the opportunity to see past collections up close. I work five days a week, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., but I expect the days to get longer and more stressful as we approach Fashion Week. I will stay for another three months, until we go to Paris for that, and then I will go straight back to university to complete my final year. In fashion, if you want to establish yourself over the competition, you have to work hard and for free, because that's what everyone else is willing to do.

C Alice Jackson: intern at the emergency relief charity Merlin

Over the past few years I've been doing volunteer work in Calcutta, Bogotá and Teheran, so it's quite hard to adjust to being back in the UK. Most of my friends are buying houses and have cars and go on holidays. But I never feel I've missed out because I'm doing what I've always wanted to do. I work three days a week, receiving a small sum to cover expenses. Money from my father has gone towards funding my placement and I'm really fortunate that I can live with my mum, although it does mean my commute can take up to two hours. Without my family, I don't think I could be doing this. Next month I am starting a six-month placement in Myanmar, monitoring the health facilities the charity supplies there. After that, I might actually be in a position to earn a salary.

D Janet Harrison: intern at the Fraenkel Gallery

I came to London six months ago with no plans. I didn't know how long it would take to get a job. I had saved up some money and resigned myself to staying on a friend's sofa for a while, but luck was on my side and I found a job as a seamstress within a couple of weeks. My placement at the gallery came along a week later. I've helped install exhibitions and create gallery publications. One of the most exciting tasks was helping the artist Claire Barclay create the installation that's now on display in the gallery. Because some of the piece is sewn, my seamstress skills came in handy. The hardest thing is at the start, when you don't know anything. Someone asks: "Can you courier this?" and you have to ask so many questions, like "Which courier company?" and "Where are the envelopes?" I'm about to finish my placement and I'm planning my own curatorial project with a friend. It will be a lot of work but I think I have to go for these things now, otherwise I will regret it later. My parents know I'm sensible. If I couldn't afford my rent, I wouldn't just get into a spiral of debt. I would go and get a full-time job and the rest would have to wait.

Which intern mentions

having no idea how to carry out a certain task?
her feeling about the people she works with?
having no regrets about a choice she made previously?
what is considered normal in her area of work?
the outcome of some of the work she does?
something she regarded as unpredictable?
reasons why it is possible for her to be an intern?
the attitude of her employer?
the outcome if she found herself in a difficult situation?
making useful contacts?

GRAMMAR

[each answer worth 2 points]

Decide which answer – A, B, C or D – best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet. Only Standard English answers will be accepted.

It was clear that the new owners were not _____ of taking charge of the restaurant.

able
responsible
capable
reliable

This is the first time I _____ this dress. And everybody is admiring it!

wear
am wearing
have worn
have been wearing

By eight o'clock tonight, _____ computer games for over twelve hours! I think you should start revising for your exams.

you'll play
you'll be playing
you have played
you'll have been playing

Never leave children in a car unattended and keep a winter survival kit in the car with blankets, extra socks and gloves, snacks, and a first-aid kit _____ the car breaks down or you are stranded in your car.

provided that
in case
as long as
unless

The red light signifies that there is a serious hardware problem with your console and there is the need to _____ immediately.

have repaired it
have it repaired
have had it repaired
have had repaired it

The actress has admitted that she _____ from the director since the series finished – but added that she did not expect anything from him.

hasn't heard
hadn't heard
didn't hear
doesn't hear

For those who are not used _____ trucks, a truck rental vehicle is a bit of a challenge. Do not assume that because you possess a valid driver's license or you are competent at driving a regular vehicle, you can drive a truck rental.

to be driving
driving
to driving
to drive

If you _____ so stupid as to refuse my invitation last summer, you could have travelled to see all the wonders of the world.

haven't been
hadn't been
weren't
wouldn't be

I'll never forget _____ at Singapore Airport for the first time. It was a marvellous experience.

land
to land
to be landing
landing

The terrorist nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway is a nightmare come true, _____ vulnerable society is to weapons of mass destruction.

which reveal how
it reveals how much
and revealing how
revealing how

VOCABULARY

[each answer worth 2 points]

Decide which answer – A, B, C or D – best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Jill is a managing director and seems very tough at work. She's a different person at home, _____.

although
though
yet
even though

The blue curtains began to _____ after they had been hanging in the sun for two months.

rot
dissolve
melt
fade

Don't leave toys on stairs where someone could _____ and fall.

trip
step
walk
jump

The new French course _____ for the needs of students with a variety of learning backgrounds.

deals
supplies
caters
copes

Workers who do not obey the safety regulations will be _____ immediately.

dismissed
refused
rejected
disapproved

Ann was diagnosed as having an infectious skin disease by her online doctor, who prescribed a special cleansing solution for the rash and painkillers to help _____ the pain.

relieve
disappear
improve
lighten

Recent research has _____ that a third of people in Britain have not met their next-door neighbours, and those who know each other barely speak.

exhibited
conducted
displayed
revealed

When Jack Anderson set up Britain's first ever crocodile farm in 2005, he _____ under fierce criticism from animal rights groups opposed to the factory farming of wildlife.

came
went
met
put

Don't judge a book by its cover – appearances can often be very _____.

mistaking
deceptive
tricky
fraudulent

In order to cut _____, the company will no longer allow employees to claim for first-class travel on their expenses.

prices
fees
charges
costs

MULTIPLE-CHOICE CLOZE

[each answer worth 2 points]

Read the text below and then decide which expression best fits each space. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

School lunch

Research has shown that over half the children in Britain who take their own lunches to school do not eat (1) ____ in the middle of the day. In Britain, schools have to (2) ____ meals at lunchtime. Children can (3) ____ to bring their own food or have lunch at the school canteen.

One shocking (4) ____ of this research is that school meals are much healthier than lunches prepared by parents. There are strict standards for the preparation of school meals, which have to include one portion of fruit and one of vegetables, as well as meat, a dairy item and starchy food like bread or pasta. Lunchboxes (5) ____ by researchers contained sweet drinks, crisps and chocolate bars. Children (6) ____ twice as much sugar as they should at lunchtime.

The research will provide a better (7) ____ of why the percentage of overweight students in Britain has (8) ____ in the last decade. Unfortunately, the government cannot instruct parents, but it can remind them of the nutritional value of milk, fruit and vegetables. Children can easily develop bad eating (9) ____ at this age, and parents are the only ones who can (10) ____ it.

1 approximately

1 properly

1 probably

1 possibly

2 give

2 provide

2 make

2 do

3 prefer

3 manage

3 want

3 choose

4 finding

4 number

4 figure

4 product

5 examined

5 found

5 taken

5 looked

6 comprise

6 contain

6 consume

6 consist

7	information
7	comprehending
7	understanding
7	opinion
8	increased
8	expanded
8	extended
8	added
9	customs
9	styles
9	attitudes
9	habits
10	define
10	decide
10	delay
10	prevent

ERROR CORRECTION

[each answer worth 2 points]

One of the CAPITALIZED EXPRESSIONS is incorrect. Identify the incorrect expression and mark your answer (A, B, C or D) on the separate answer sheet.

Before **(A)** YOU WILL START with a home improvement, **(B)** DO MAKE SURE you know exactly what you **(C)** WANT DONE and consider taking professional advice – **(D)** A LITTLE MONEY spent at this stage could save you a lot later on.

I read the note quickly. It said **(A)** I WAS SUPPOSED to burn it **(B)** AFTER I RECEIVED IT. But when I was burning the rubbish, **(C)** ALL MY IMPORTANT PAPERS **(D)** HAD BEEN DESTROYED, too.

Ideal Home is offering you a helping hand. For £75, our interior designer will create room schemes exclusively **(A)** TO SUIT your needs. **(B)** ALL WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO is **(C)** WRITE TO HER at the address below to receive a questionnaire and tell her **(D)** WHAT IT SHOULD LOOK LIKE. Details are on page 84.

Amelia Earhart, **(A)** WHOSE mother was the first woman **(B)** TO CLIMB Pike's Peak, Colorado, believed that **(C)** WOMAN had **(D)** AS MUCH RIGHT to fly as men did.

I'm **(A)** a 13-YEARS-OLD GIRL and my problem is a nervous stammer, **(B)** WHICH I'VE HAD since I was about 11. It's now **(C)** GETTING EVEN WORSE. I started at a new school after Christmas and this **(D)** MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO with it because it wasn't as bad before.

CULTURE

[each answer worth 1 point]

Choose the best answer – A, B, C or D. Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Oliver Cromwell was responsible for

- the establishment of the Commonwealth.
- annexing Wales.
- founding the Tory Party.
- none of the above.

Thanksgiving Day is an American holiday that is observed on

- the first Tuesday in March.
- the fourth Thursday in November.
- the first Tuesday in July.
- the fourth Thursday in October.

Which of the following authors wrote *Animal Farm*?

- George Orwell
- Angus Wilson
- Aldous Huxley
- G. B. Shaw

Mark Twain did NOT write the following book:

- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- Life on the Mississippi
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
- The Old Man and the Sea

The coronation ceremony of the British monarch traditionally takes place in

- The Houses of Parliament.
- Windsor Castle.
- Westminster Abbey.
- St. Paul's Cathedral.

***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is a famous children's book by**

- C. S. Lewis.
- Sinclair Lewis.
- Lewis Carroll.
- Upton Sinclair.

Which author-character pair is mismatched?

- Agatha Christie – Miss Marple
- A. C. Doyle – Dr. Watson
- R. L. Stevenson – Dr. Jekyll
- Ian Fleming – Hercule Poirot

Which of these places is located in Great Britain?

Mount Rushmore
Yosemite National Park
Monument Valley
Lake District

The current British Prime Minister Theresa May is a member of

the Liberal Party.
the Conservative Party.
the Labour Party.
the Democratic Party.

The inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States took place at the

White House.
Treasure Building.
Capitol Building.
Jefferson Memorial.