MISCELLANEOUS ENGLISH TESTS

Paragraph Summarizing MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 1

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1. However much we may complain about the number of advertisements there are in a newspaper, the fact remains that without advertisements there would be no newspapers. It's the advertisements that finance the newspapers and make it possible for us to buy them cheaply.

A) The larger the circulation of a newspaper is, the greater is its need for good advertisements.

B) Newspapers print so many advertisements that there is not much space left for the real news.

C) Nowadays all newspapers spend a great deal of money on advertising.

D) It is generally agreed that it is profitable for large companies to advertise regularly in the newspapers.

E) Advertisements are essential to newspapers; without them they could not be produced economically.

2. Brian and Gordon are brothers. People meeting them for the first time usually think Gordon is much the nicer. He's good looking, he's friendly and talks well. Later, they begin to notice he is rather spoilt. Then, they realize what a good person Brian is.

A) Gordon and his brother are both very attractive people.

B) I have always preferred Brian to his brother Gordon.

C) Brian has clearly spoiled his brother Gordon.

D) Gordon makes a good first impression but his brother is a much better person.

E) Brian and Gordon are very different from each other; it is hard to believe they are brothers.

3. The average child is exceedingly curious. He investigates everything within reach, from electric plugs to piles of earth. His favourite word is "why". The adult finds this period exhausting but he should not try to check the activities, unless they are dangerous, as the child is establishing the habit of learning.

A) Curiosity in children should be encouraged as it creates a learning habit.

B) Children are often extremely curious but this is an unimportant stage and ends soon.

C) Curiosity in children should not be encouraged as it is responsible for very many accidents.

D) His curiosity leads a child to investigate a lot of unimportant things.

E) Children who lack curiosity will not grow up any different from those who are extremely curious.

4. Janet was very enthusiastic about the concert. She praised the pianist, the singer and the choice of the programme; but it was the violin concerto that she praised most of all.

A) Janet went to the concert because she wanted to hear the violin concerto.

B) The piano is Janet's favourite instrument, although she is fond of violin concertos.

C) Janet thought the concert was wonderful, especially the violin concerto.

D) Except for the violin concerto, Janet didn't really enjoy the concert.

E) Not much of Janet's favourite music was included in the programme.

5. Everyone I've talked to recently admits that Mr. Burton was not a very good manager. Now that Mr. Carr is in charge of the company, most people are expecting things to improve; he really is a natural leader, and liked and respected by everyone.

A) It is generally agreed that Mr. Carr will manage the company much better than Mr. Burton did.

B) Mr. Carr didn't like the way Mr. Burton managed the company.

C) Mr. Burton was not popular, but under his management, everything ran smoothly.

D) Mr. Carr may be a good manager but nobody wanted Mr. Burton to leave.

E) Most people think Mr. Carr will introduce few changes.

6. Most people don't realize that Paul and Mark are brothers. Paul is tall and fair, and interested in all types of sport. Mark, who is short and dark-haired, is studying Math at the university. Math is his only hobby too.

A) Brothers don't often have much in common.

B) Though brothers, Paul and Mark are very different in appearance and in interests.

C) Paul isn't nearly as clever as his brother Mark.

D) Paul wishes his brother were a better sportsman.

E) Paul and Mark are brothers but they disagree on various matters.

7. Patrick didn't even ask his father if he could go to Barcelona for the weekend with Erick. He knew it would cost too much. But he didn't want to mention it to Erick. So, next day, he said simply, "Father won't let me."

A) Patrick didn't want Erick to know that he was going to spend the weekend in Barcelona.

B) Patrick's father didn't want Patrick to go to Barcelona with Erick.

C) Erick asked his father if he could take Patrick to Barcelona for the weekend.

D) Patrick went to Barcelona for the weekend without asking his father if he could.

E) Patrick didn't want Erick to know that he couldn't afford to go to Barcelona for the weekend.

8. John is only 16 years old. Everyone else on the team is either 17 or 18. Even so, he's a much-valued member of the team. In fact, some people think he's the best player the team has.

A) When John is 17 or 18 he will probably be the best player on the team.

B) John joined the team when he was 16 but most people are at least 17 years old.

C) John is the youngest member of the team and also one of the best players.

D) John is one of the best players the team has had for 17 or 18 years.

E) The 17- and 18-year-olds on the team are not valued enough.

9. Leroy walked slowly round the exhibition, looking at the pictures. None of them seemed very interesting. He felt very disappointed. Then suddenly he saw the portrait of an old man. He stopped in front of it and looked at it for a long time. It was a wonderful portrait.

A) While looking at the pictures at the exhibition, Leroy met an interesting old man.

B) Leroy was delighted with the exhibition, especially with some of the portraits.

C) Except for one portrait, Leroy thought the exhibition was very poor.

D) Leroy is very interested in paintings, especially in portraits of old people.

E) At the exhibition, Leroy was disappointed to find that almost all the portraits were of old people.

10. Whenever I need something, the first place I go to is Dawson's store. There they sell just about everything. You can buy clothes there, things for the house and for the garden, and also sports equipment. They stock a wide variety of goods. Everything is good quality, and the prices are reasonable.

A) Most people can't afford to go to Dawson's.

B) You can't find everything you need in Dawson's.

C) In my opinion, Dawson's is an excellent store and not too expensive.

D) Dawson's is famous for its goods but prices are high.

E) The rich and the famous all shop at Dawson's.

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