



Nro. De Control :

LEVEL 3

PART 2 - READING COMPREHENSION

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Estimated time needed: 35 minutes

Exercise 1 – Questions 1-10

- Read the following magazine interviews with people talking about work experience:

1-

ALI HUMAIDI, receptionist



"I applied for work experience in a primary school but they couldn't take me. I got a placement in a library instead.

Work experience taught me about myself and skills I didn't know I had, such as working with other people and meeting members of the public. I liked listening to people and helping them. Perhaps that's why I became a receptionist."

2-

MEL OLIVER, TV chef



"I was quite good in class but I never did well in exams.

Towards the end of school I developed negative attitudes. I thought work experience was going to be a waste of time. I didn't think it would help me to decide what I wanted to be.

But then I did work experience in a restaurant and I loved it. A year later I got a place at a local college on a food preparation course. That was the start of my career."

3-

JOSIE PARKER, singer



"No one believes me now but I was once so shy that I could only sing to myself in the shower.

I did my work experience in a hairdresser's. I didn't cut hair but I helped with the customers, took people cups of tea and tidied up the salon. The staff and customers were so nice and friendly. I stopped being frightened of people. After that I started singing for my friends at parties and then for small audiences in clubs."

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MIKE STEEL, record producer



"My mother owns a pharmacy and she expected me to work there. I suppose I did, too.

When it was time for work experience I applied to a recording Studio. From the first day I knew I had to work in the music business. And that's what I did."

5-

TED SURKEES, businessman



"On the first day everything went wrong. I forgot to wear a jacket and tie. I spilled coffee on the manager's desk. I broke the office lift - I can't explain how. It was awful.

After that I became determined to set up my own business and never to work for anyone else."

- Now choose the best heading for each paragraph and write the correct letter in the spaces next to the numbers.

- A - I found the job I wanted.
- B - I did not make a good impresión.
- C - I changed my mind about work experience.
- D - I learned what I was good at doing.

E - Work experience gave me confidence.

- Read the interviews again and say if the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE:

- 6 - Ali Humaidi did work experience in a school.
- 7 - School experience helped Mel Oliver choose her job.
- 8 - Before her work experience Josie Parker only used to sing alone.
- 9 - Mike Steel has worked as a pharmacist and a record producer.
- 10 - Ted Sarkees doesn't know why the lift broke.

Exercise 2 – Questions 11-15

- Match the signs or notices with the places where they can be found:

- 11 - beach or pool
- 12 - chemical factory
- 13 - exchange bureau
- 14 - airport
- 15 - lost and found office

A)



B)



C)



D)



E)



Exercise 3 – Questions 16-20

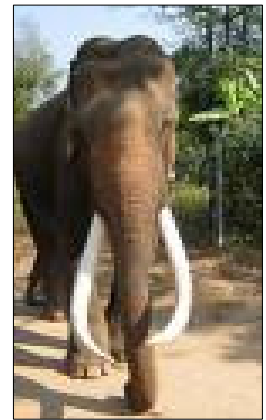
- Read the text and say if the following sentences are TRUE or FALSE:

ELEPHANTS

Fossil remains of elephants have been found in all continents except Australia, but many of these have died out, and today the only surviving species are the Asiatic (or Indian) and African elephants.

The Asiatic elephant is found in forest areas of south-eastern Asia. The adult male weighs around five tons and a half, on average, and is about three metres tall. Only the male develops tusks, and these are about one and a half metres long, although longer tusks have been recorded. Asiatic elephants prefer cool, shady environments, and love bathing. They usually sleep lying down.

The African elephant is found in many parts of Africa south of the Sahara. In contrast to the Asiatic elephant, the African elephant is generally larger. The largest elephant on record is an African one, killed in Angola in 1955. It weighed twelve tons and stood over four metres at the shoulder. The average weight, however, is six tons, and the average height is two and a half metres at the highest point. (The female is about half a metre shorter). The African elephant has larger eyes than its Indian cousin. The main distinguishing feature, is the ears: the African elephant has much larger ears which are about one metre wide.



Large elephant tusks

Both sexes have tusks, and these are two metres long on average. The African elephant is more tolerant of heat, and sleeps standing up.

- 16 - The Indian elephant is smaller than the African elephant.
- 17 - The Indian elephant has smaller eyes than the African elephant.
- 18 - Both the Indian and African male elephants have tusks.
- 19 - The male African elephant is taller than the female.
- 20 - Both the African and Indian elephant sleep lying down.

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- **Exercise 1**

1 - D

2 - C

3 - E

4 - A

5 - B

6 - FALSE

7 - TRUE

8 - TRUE

9 - FALSE

10 - TRUE

- **Exercise 2**

11 - B

12 - D

13 - E

14 - C

15 - A

- **Exercise 3**

16 - TRUE

17 - TRUE

18 - TRUE

19 - TRUE

20 - FALSE

1 point each correct answer. **Total: 20 points.**