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READING TESTS

Reading test 1

The Power of Art

In May 2015, a 14-year-old aspiring artist named Maya Johnson discovered her passion for painting. While browsing through an art supply store, she stumbled upon a set of vibrant watercolour paints. Intrigued, Maya bought the set and began experimenting with various techniques and styles.

Maya loved going for long walks in the countryside with her dog Pluto and she liked soaking in the beautiful environment she was in. Inspired by the beauty of nature and by her animals, Maya started painting landscapes and wildlife scenes. She meticulously observed the colours and textures of the world around her, striving to recreate them on her canvas. The colours she chose were always vibrant and full of life.

One day, Maya, while watching a tv programme on arts and crafts, decided to share her artwork with the world. She browsed the Internet for possible solutions and, a year later, in September 2015, she created an Instagram account called "MayasArtisticJourney." She posted her paintings and began connecting with other artists and art enthusiasts. People started following her and commented on her talent. They encouraged her to continue pursuing her passion and displaying more artwork on the social network.

With the support of her online community, Maya gained confidence and decided to go live. She took part in local art exhibitions with fellow artists. Her paintings became very popular, a fact that motivated her to show off her skills. She even began offering commissioned pieces to art lovers who admired her work.

In May 2020, Maya graduated from high school and received a scholarship to study fine arts at a very famous university. She continued to share her art journey on Instagram, captivating a growing audience with her creativity and dedication. Today, Maya remains committed to her love for painting and dreams of becoming a professional artist, inspiring others with her vibrant and expressive artwork.

Part A - Cross TRUE or FALSE for each sentence.

Statements	True	False
1. Maya Johnson began painting at the age of thirteen.		
2. Maya started her artistic journey by experimenting with oil paints.		
3. Maya's inspiration for her artwork primarily comes from rural landscapes.		
4. Maya Johnson created an Instagram account to showcase her artwork.		
5. Maya participated in local art exhibitions and received recognition for her paintings.		

6. Maya received a scholarship to study fine arts at a renowned high school.		
7. Maya sells her paintings exclusively through art galleries.		
8. Maya Johnson aspires to become a professional artist and to continue sharing her creativity.		

Part B - Choose the correct answer

1. Where did Maya Johnson's passion for painting begin?

- A. In an art supply store
- B. In an art gallery
- C. In a stationery store

2. What does Maya primarily paint ?

- A. Urban landscapes
- B. Abstract art
- C. Wildlife scenes

3. In what year did Maya start sharing her artwork on Instagram?

- A. 2018
- B. 2015
- C. 2020

4. How did Maya initially gain confidence in her artistic abilities?

- A. Through online art courses
- B. By receiving compliments and encouragement from the online art community
- C. By attending art workshops

5. What did Maya do after graduating from high school?

- A. She pursued a career in computer science
- B. She studied fine arts at university
- C. She started working as an art teacher

6. What are Maya's future aspirations as an artist?

- A. To exclusively sell her artwork through private galleries
- B. To create a non-profit art organisation
- C. To inspire others with her artwork

Reading test 2

The Impact of Technology on Modern Society

In the 21st century, technology has become a crucial part of our daily lives, influencing how we communicate, work, and exist. The impact of technology on contemporary society is clear, presenting both opportunities and challenges.

One significant positive aspect is the ease of communication. Thanks to mobile phones and social media platforms, people can connect instantly across the globe. This not only facilitates personal relationships but also transforms the business landscape. Companies now operate globally, collaborating seamlessly with partners and clients worldwide.

However, the major influence of technology has its drawbacks. A notable concern is the potential loss of privacy as we share more aspects of our lives online. The line between public and private is unclear, and issues of data security and unauthorized access to personal information have become big considerations to take into account.

Moreover, the rapid pace of technological advancement has led to the automation of many jobs, reshaping industries and the job market. While this increases efficiency in certain sectors, it also results in job displacement, raising questions about the future of work. Individuals must adapt and acquire new skills to remain competitive in a technologically driven job market.

Another significant impact is on education. Technology has revolutionized the way we learn, providing access to a wealth of information at our fingertips. Online courses, educational apps, and interactive platforms make learning more flexible and accessible. However, concerns about the digital divide persist, as not everyone has equal access to these educational resources.

In the healthcare sector, technological innovations have led to innovations in medical treatments and diagnostics. From telemedicine to precision medicine, technology has enhanced patient care and outcomes. Yet, the rising costs of healthcare technologies raise questions about equitable access to these advancements.

In conclusion, the impact of technology on modern society is diverse. While it has brought unprecedented convenience, connectivity, and advancements across various sectors, it has also raised concerns about privacy, job displacement, and access to resources. Having a balance between embracing technological progress and addressing its challenges is crucial for creating a sustainable and inclusive future.

Part A - Choose the most appropriate option to complete each sentence.

1. Technology _____ in the 21st century.
 - a. has had no impact on communication
 - b. has facilitated communication
 - c. has made communication slower

2. A major concern regarding the increased use of technology is _____.
 - a. increased interpersonal connections.
 - b. enhanced data security.
 - c. a potential loss of privacy.

3. The rapid pace of technological advancement has led to _____.
 - a. job displacement and mechanisation.
 - b. increased job security.
 - c. decreased efficiency in certain sectors.

4. How has technology revolutionised the way we learn?
 - a. It has been providing access to a lot of information.
 - b. It has limited the access to information.
 - c. It has eliminated the need for education.

5. How has technological innovation impacted healthcare?
 - a. Technological advancements have had no significant impact on healthcare.
 - b. There have been increased healthcare costs.
 - c. The healthcare sector has witnessed breakthroughs in medical treatments and diagnostics.

6. The best title for the article is ...
 - a. The Impact of Technology on Education
 - b. The Impact of Technology on Modern Society
 - c. Fight against Technological Dangers
 - d. How to create a fair world thanks to technology

Part B - Fill each gap with the correct word.

1. Today, technology has become _____ important aspect of our life.
 - a
 - an
 - no article needed
 - some

2. With the advent of smartphones and social media platforms, people can connect instantaneously _____ the globe.
 - across
 - over
 - within
 - in

3. Technology allows us to share our lives online, _____ this causes more and more privacy-related issues.
 - as
 - however
 - while
 - regardless

4. Advances _____ the technological field have reshaped the job market.
 - at
 - in
 - on
 - for

5. _____ not all students have equal access to new educational resources, the digital divide remains a problem to solve.
 - According
 - Since
 - While
 - However

LISTENING TESTS

LISTENING TEST 1 - A2 - ON THE PHONE

Hello.

Hi Francis, it's Marcus. Is Caitlin there?

She's not here at the moment.

Okay, well, can you tell her to call me back, please?

Yes, sure. Oh, wait. She's just come back. Hang on a minute, I'll just get her.

Hi Marcus!

Hi Caitlin, have you booked tickets for the Comedy Club tonight?

No, I haven't. Their website said they're sold out tonight.

Oh, no. Well, why don't you call them and ask about returned tickets? Sometimes people return tickets because they can't go.

Oh, yes. I didn't think of that. Good idea! I'll call them now and I'll call you back in a minute.

Thanks Caitlin, speak soon!

Okay, bye!

Good afternoon, Phoenix Comedy Club. How can I help you?

Hello, could I speak to the Ticket Office Manager, please?

I'm afraid he's not available at the moment. Can I help?

Maybe. I'm calling about the show tonight. Has anyone returned any tickets?

Oh, I'm not sure. You'll need to speak to the Ticket Office Manager about that.

Right. Well, could you ask him to call me back, please?

Yes, of course. Could I have your number, please?

It's 0 7 5...

Listening test 1: On the Phone

You will have 30 seconds to read the questions before the first listening.

Then, you will have a 30-second break to start answering the questions.

Then, you will have a second listening followed by a 1-minute pause to complete your answers.

Once you have finished, you can click on the NEXT button.

Choose the correct answer

1. Who answers the phone?	<input type="radio"/> Marcus <input type="radio"/> Caitlin <input type="radio"/> Francis
2. Has Caitlin booked the tickets?	<input type="radio"/> No, she hasn't. <input type="radio"/> Yes, she has. <input type="radio"/> Marcus has.
3. What does the website say about the tickets?	<input type="radio"/> There are three left. <input type="radio"/> They are sold out. <input type="radio"/> There are VIP tickets only.
4. Who talks about returned tickets?	<input type="radio"/> Caitlin <input type="radio"/> The manager <input type="radio"/> Marcus
5. Caitlin would like to talk to...	<input type="radio"/> the Ticket Office Manager. <input type="radio"/> the owner of the Comedy Club.

	<input type="radio"/> the director.
6. Why can't she find out the information she wants?	<input type="radio"/> Because there is no show tonight. <input type="radio"/> Because the manager isn't available. <input type="radio"/> Because the speaker is afraid.
7. Caitlin's phone number begins with...	<input type="radio"/> 0 - 7 - 5 <input type="radio"/> 7 - 0 - 5 <input type="radio"/> 5 - 7 - 0

LISTENING TEST 2 - A2 - VERONA COLISEUM

These days, Verona Coliseum is famous for its opera festival but it has been a place to see other types of entertainment over the years. The Romans built the Coliseum almost 2,000 years ago for sports and games called *ludi*. The most famous of these games were fights between gladiators. These events were very popular and people came from far away to see them. In 1117, there was a big earthquake in Verona and people didn't use the Coliseum for a long time. However, centuries later, the Venetians decided to repair the building and use it for concerts. From that time, hundreds of thousands of people have come to Verona to listen to music; and many famous opera singers and ballet dancers have performed there.

Listening test 2:

Verona Coliseum

You will have 30 seconds to read the questions before the first listening.

Then, you will have a 30-second break to start answering the questions.

Then, you will have a second listening followed by a 1-minute pause to complete your answers.

Once you have finished, you can click on the NEXT button.

Choose the correct answer

1. Verona Coliseum is famous for...	<input type="radio"/> its rock festival. <input type="radio"/> its opera festival. <input type="radio"/> its drama festival.
2. How long ago did the Romans build the Verona Coliseum?	<input type="radio"/> Two hundred years ago. <input type="radio"/> Two hundred thousand years ago. <input type="radio"/> Two thousand years ago.
3. What is the English for "ludi"?	<input type="radio"/> games. <input type="radio"/> songs. <input type="radio"/> sports.
4. What were the most popular events held there?	<input type="radio"/> singing contests. <input type="radio"/> fights between gladiators. <input type="radio"/> fights between wild animals.

<p>5. When did the earthquake take place?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ in 1711. ○ in 1170. ○ in 1117.
<p>6. Who decided to repair the building?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the Mandalorians. ○ the Veronese. ○ the Venetians.

LISTENING TEST 3 - B1 - Street Life

Good morning and welcome to the show. Today we are talking to three very different people about their work outside in the street: Edgar Muller, an amazing 3D pavement artist; Laxman Rao, a tea seller; and Harry Bakewell, a street cleaner.

So, first of all, Edgar, why do you think 3D pavement art is so popular nowadays?
 The art happens outside so people can enjoy the art on their way to work. They don't have to go to art galleries or museums to see it. They love getting close to the art and exploring it. Your painting "Ice Age" was 330 square meters and broke a world record. Why do you do such huge paintings?

Well, I want to change how the street looks.

But why is that important?

Because I'm interested in the way people see the world. People watch and ask questions when I'm working. Also, I want them to walk on the paintings, become part of the art.

Laxman Rao is a tea seller and a writer in New Delhi, India.

So Laxman, please tell me about your work

Well, every day I serve tea at a stall in central Delhi. It's crowded and noisy but my job for the last 20 years. I also write novels and plays in Hindi, India's national language.

But why does a writer have to sell tea?

Actually, I'm the writer, publisher and the salesman. Before I never made enough money from my books but I think my luck is changing now.

Oh, really? Why is that?

Well, more and more people are reading books and newspapers in Hindi these days. Did you know? It's the third most spoken language in the world and one of my novels is selling well. So, now...

Finally, Harry Bakewell is a street cleaner from London in England.

Good morning Harry, could you tell us a little bit about your job now? Do you work alone?
 Yeah, I do, but I work in a very lively neighborhood and I know everyone, so it's fine. There's plenty to do and all kinds of people to chat to, so it's never dull. I have to be careful though, because every now and then my boss checks my work and I get in trouble if I'm chatting or drinking tea when he arrives.

And what hours are you working today?

Well, today I'm working from 7 am to 3 pm.

And how do you find this work?

Well, I work in a pedestrian area near the city center. We do have a huge problem with rubbish so it's hard work but I prefer working outdoors and I'm not embarrassed about my

job. The people who drop their rubbish on the pavement instead of putting it in the bin should be embarrassed, not me.

Listening test 3:

Street life

You will have 1 minute to read the questions before the first listening.
Then, you will have a 1-minute break to start answering the questions.
Then, you will have a second listening followed by a 2-minute pause to complete your answers.

Once you have finished, you can click on the NEXT button.

Part 1 - Cross TRUE or FALSE for each sentence.

	True	False
1. Edgar creates 3D pavement art.		
2. Edgar likes painting miniatures.		
3. Laxman is new at his job.		
4. Laxman has a publisher.		
5. Harry doesn't mind working alone.		
6. Harry's area is not very far from the city centre.		

Part 2 - Choose the correct answer

1. Who is a tea seller and a writer?

- Edgar
- Laxman
- Harry

2. Who knows everyone?

- Harry
- Laxman

- *Edgar*

3. Who holds a world record?

- *Edgar*
- *Laxman*
- *Harry*

4. Who is a street cleaner?

- *Edgar*
- *Laxman*
- *Harry*

5. Who is a 3D pavement artist?

- *Edgar*
- *Laxman*
- *Harry*

6. Who thinks his luck is changing?

- *Harry*
- *Laxman*
- *Edgar*